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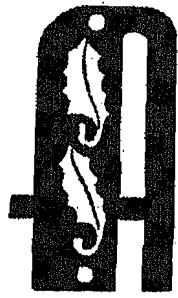
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"FEAR NOT: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord . . ." — Luke 2:10, 11.



LFRED BUXTON spent the first few years of his missionary career as the colleague of C. T. Studd, in central Africa. He said later that the greatest impression Studd's life had made upon him was that the Christian believer is first and foremost a soldier of the King of

kings, and that as a soldier, the Christian's one great concern should be not only for personal holiness, but for the redemption of "those who have not yet the Saviour known." In effect, the true believer is a soldier of salvation.

Salvation was never intended to be an end in itself, but a means to an end, and the end—leading others into a saving knowledge of Christ. As Paul of Tarsus embarked for Troas—and that in response to the vision where a man of Macedonia cried, "Come over and help us"—he went forth with the war cry, "An-



lieve are justified from all things". That can be taken as a sample of the message that Paul the apostle proclaimed to the people of that day. First of all, it had happened in his own life.

The gospel of reconciliation had changed Paul inwardly. In 2 Cor. 4:1-6 he referred to God's initial act of creation, recorded for us in Genesis, chapter one, whereby chaos became cosmos, and to his own experience when he was made "a new creature in Christ"; old things having passed away, and all things becoming new.

"Christ granted unto me this so great salvation", I can hear him saying, "and this is the message that all need to hear. With the help of

of Christ constrains me, yea, compels me to work and suffer for the sake of the Name."

The annals of the Christian church are full of the names of men and women who with this inward constraint of Christ served the Saviour, and their generation, and joined the apostolic band of "men who have hazarded their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Hudson Taylor, as a youth, left home and loved ones to go to inland China, in the face of difficulties and without any visible means of support. He laid his wife and child in a Chinese grave. Every day of his life, even before the sun rose over China, he could have been found on his knees in prayer for that land of

make for Him in return."

About 150 years ago, a young Moravian potter, Leonard Doöber, heard of the miseries of the slaves on the plantations in the Southern States. He felt he must pro Christ among them but, knowing the slave owners would never allow it, actually sold himself into slavery and there proclaimed Christ as Saviour, Emancipator, and Friend. He followed closely in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus "who took the form of a servant".

A visitor to India said to the missionary in charge of a certain hospital, "You must have enthusiasm to remain here." The missionary replied, "Sir, I have no enthusiasm at all, but I have heard the call of Christ, and stay here I must". The secret was the constraining love of Christ. And the same can be said of hundreds of Salvation Army officers and soldiers.

If we knew this love—really knew it—then it would revolutionize our life and service.

GO--BY LOVE

BY E. W. LAWRENCE,
London, England

COMPELLED!

other continent for the Crucified". And if Paul had any regrets when he came to the end of his earthly journey, it was because he knew of no other continents which he could claim for the sake of the Saviour's Name!

Militarized evangelism has always been the call of the people of God. Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He left his final commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature". He left a promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." "Go ye . . . I am with you"—direction and dynamic.

Power lies in our union with the Redeemer Himself. The secret is found in the personal pronouns, ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be My witnessess . . . —Acts 1:8. It is in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that the requisite power becomes ours. This is so because the Spirit of God implants within the heart His own love, and the Apostle Paul himself declared that "the love of Christ constraineth us". Go ye—compelled by love.

The state of the world of Paul's day was an open call to him to "serve the present age," and it is just the same to-day.

In the first five chapters of Second Corinthians, Paul had been speaking of the Gospel of reconciliation. But that presupposes the alienation of the human race from God. It was sin that crept in and marred this fair creation. And sin has blighted it ever since. Now, by nature and by life, all of us are "far off from God", without Him, and without hope, for there is none righteous, none that doeth good. All have sinned and continually fall short of the glory of God.

For many years Paul himself had walked in the pathway of disobedience and, with all his zeal for the Mosaic economy, Paul could not find real salvation from sin. One day, however, the Nazarene met him as he journeyed towards Damascus and there the miracle happened. That experience of regeneration changed Paul both inwardly and outwardly. Having been "saved" himself, he was immediately commissioned to take the evangel to others in his day and generation. "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and through Him all who be-

God, I will therefore proclaim this message to all mankind."

David also invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good", and promises blessedness on the man who trusts in Him. Charles Wesley also caught the great vision:

"O that the world might taste and see
The riches of His grace.
The arms of love that compass me
Would all mankind embrace."

Constrained by the love of Christ the believer should thenceforth engage in redemptive service, for the sake of the lost. Conversion to Christ admits us into a new realm—the Kingdom of God. To the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ there is given this great crusade of evangelism. Peter outlined it very simply, "Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may shew forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." I Peter 2:9-10.

"The love of Christ constraineth me, me who before was a persecutor and a blasphemer. But I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly and in unbelief".

This not only implies Christ's love FOR us, but His love now implanted WITHIN us through the "mystery" of the Spirit's indwelling. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son". "The (same) love of Christ is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.

The love of Christ led Him out willingly, to suffer and die for man's salvation. The same love will lead the Christian believer to live, and work, and suffer if needs be, for a sinful world still outside Christ.

The taunts thrown at the Apostle Paul during his dangerous missionary career must have been many, and some of them must have come from his own companions of the Gospel. "Paul, you've done a wonderful work for God. You have suffered far more than any others. Your reward is certain. Why not retire, and go back home to Tarsus?"

"Never!" the old warrior of the Spirit must have shouted. "The love

his adoption. He beat the sun to it.

Charles Studd, as a man past fifty years of age, although turned down by the doctor and missionary society, went alone and blazed the Gospel trail right to the very heart of Africa. "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me," he said, "then no sacrifice can be too great for me to

This indwelling love is God's gift for every believer. "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart . . . to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart."—Deut. 30:6.

Let us here and now seek this gift of heart purity, and open every department of our lives to the Holy Spirit's incoming.

Daily Devotions

AIDS TO PRIVATE PRAYER AND STUDY

SUNDAY:

"They were all afraid of Him . . . but Barnabas."—Acts 9:26, 27.

If only they had known what they were missing! But they lost their opportunity through want of sympathy and love. So they have come down to history without name, only that "they were afraid" and "believed not". Never act like this to the newly-saved or restored in your corps; follow the example of Barnabas instead.

MONDAY:

"And Peter said, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole; arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately."—Acts 9:34.

This was the first time that an apostle had, without the Lord's visible presence, grappled with death. But Peter followed his Master's method, and his faith was rewarded with the same victory.

TUESDAY:

"He lodgeth with one Simon, a tanner."—Acts 10:6.

The Jews so disliked tanners that they made them live on the outskirts of their towns. But, having overcome this prejudice, Peter was more ready to listen to God when the great question of the Gentiles sharing the blessings of the Gospel had to be considered. Any victory, however small, which you gain over yourself today will help you with tomorrow's battles.

"Go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."—Acts 10:20.

Here was Peter's commission and it made him do what no Jew had ever done before, associate with

Acts 11:2, 4.

Here is a fresh proof of the wonderful change wrought in Peter at Pentecost. When "they contended with him," instead of getting cross or excited, he quietly stated his case. His very quietness enabled them to see God's leading. God can work this same miracle in you, if you ask Him.

SATURDAY:

"He . . . exhorted them . . . that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."—Acts 11:23.

They were young, untried Christians and Barnabas knew they had many difficulties ahead of them. So he warned them to persevere, to "cleave unto the Lord," whatever happened and however they felt. Then when hard times came, they could say, "Lord, we promised to be faithful; help us now."

The Immense Value Of The Human Soul

By MAJOR J. OAKE (R) Newfoundland



"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36-37.

I FEEL if ever there was a time for prompt and decisive action, this is the time. I put my hand upon the pulse of the passing moment and find it beats high with tremendous issues. We have all begun a life which will throb with energy long after the sun is cold in death, and this world will have cast its broken timbers on the coast of an eternal desolation. It is no small question as to where you and I shall be when time is gone and the judgment is come. Oh, may the Spirit of the great God who caused the Philippian dungeon to shake until the jailer cried out and said "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" affect the hardened sinner of today by this humble message.

Think of the immense value of the soul involved. How shall I convince

you of the value of that soul? Shall I compare it to a mine? Oh, no; that would be a poor comparison, for silver and gold have a limited value and, in the last day, will be worthless. You have a living soul. Death cannot kill it, the grave cannot hide it; eternity cannot exhaust it. It has capacity to love, to hate, to rejoice, to sorrow, to sin, to do right. Bring me a balance and I shall weigh the soul. Let the balance be well adjusted. Now the scales are even. Put on one side an immortal soul; nothing else. On the other side put the world—all its riches, all its honours, all its rewards. Very heavy, would you say? But how quickly this side of the balance goes up, while this, containing immortal treasure, comes down as with a thousand-ton weight. The soul is heavier than all earthly possessions. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Decide that question now.

Another consideration is the brev-

ity of the time in which we have to attend to these things. How long will it take to build a bridge across a great river? Four, five or ten years? The scripture tells us that, in man's immortal nature, there is a vast temple to be erected—now. The great temple to be built up in the human heart is a temple of holiness, faith and consecration. Oh! the vastness of the temple, yet how little time in which to build it.

Another consideration is the immense obstacles that are disputing our way toward Heaven. It is an unwise general who prepares his troops for the conflict by telling them that the battle will be easy, that the fortress will be captured without any special effort, that the hosts of the enemy will soon surrender. No, the wise general will tell his soldiers all about the difficulties. In that way he prepares them for the conflict.

I do not want to depreciate the fact of your spiritual enemies or the fact of the obstacles that will be in your way if you want to get to Heaven. So vast are the multitudes and so mighty are the

entrenchments that, if man depended upon his own arm, he would die.

Let us look at that spirit of worldliness which many a man has felt. Consider the lowering of moral standards—the increase in drinking, the Sabbath-breaking, the formation of destructive habits by so many. Surely such losses to our civilization are not balanced by the current wave of prosperity and progress?

While the tides of worldliness may carry us away from the Lord, thank God the tides of salvation will bring us back again.

In addition to these obstacles there are Satanic assaults. The powers of darkness meet you at the cross-roads of life, and induce you to take the wrong turning. They outflank your best endeavours, try to unhorse every noble movement, would spike the guns of Christian warfare and drive its soldiers to eternal disaster. The evil spirits are in the air; they are above you, beneath you, on the right hand and on the left hand. They have sworn with an infernal oath that you shall

THE FRUITS OF EXPERIENCE

Veteran officers who have put in many years in battling for the Lord, and who are now enjoying rest and retirement, have been asked to contribute to this series: "My most effective message." The results of this appeal are appearing week by week. Those who have not yet sent in a lesson and a photo are asked again to do so.—Ed.

Indifference To Christ's Sufferings

By MAJOR W. PARSONS (R) Toronto

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" Lamentations 1:12.

Po wonder Israhel declared, in prophesying of the coming Messiah, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him. . . . Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:3-4-5.) He foresaw the fearful apathy to Christ's ordeal on Calvary.

All this suffering on the part of Jesus took place that sinful man might find a way back to God, and be eternally saved. What an astounding spectacle! Even had Jesus been only a man, even if He had been guilty of a false step, His gracious ministries should have entitled Him to some clemency. But He was innocent, and His death was an outrage on justice and humanity. That treatment calls for

greater devotion on the part of His followers. When we think who He was, the astounding nature of the spectacle of Him on the Cross is increased.

John records, of the Crucifixion: "After all this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scriptures might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst". "They gave Him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall; and when He had tasted thereof He would not drink. And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." Matt. 27:34-36.

Poor sinner, stranger to the Blood and the Covenant of Promise, what have you done to show your gratitude to Jesus? Are you doing the same as these blood-thirsty soldiers? Are you merely sitting and watching and showing indifference towards Him? If so, be in earnest; stir yourself and think about your immortal soul before it is too late.

The indifference that is prevailing today is appalling. Men are gambling with

precious time, and with the privilege—soon to be gone—of making their peace with God. Your chances of getting converted will soon be over.

Let me illustrate: In one of my corps, a man of seventy was arrested on a murder charge.

I was in attendance at the trial and watched attentively as an able criminal lawyer defended the man. However, he was sentenced to death, and I waited on the governor of the county jail to ask if I could see the prisoner. He granted my request; and the man was brought into a room and we were left alone. He was a stranger to me, but he was also a stranger to the Saviour. I told him what my mission was and he was thankful for my interest in him. I read to him from the Book of Life, and told him of Jesus, who had come to seek and save the lost. He did not need me to tell him about his sin. He admitted it, gladly confessed it and accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. God blotted out his sin in a moment.

What God did for that poor, guilty, sinner He can do for you. Come with all your sin; He will pardon it all, and make you a "new creature in Christ Jesus."

Indifference Will Be Swept Away

Perpetual indifference will at last turn to dismay and despair. After the earthquake and darkness at Calvary the people who witnessed that sight, beholding what was done, smote their breasts and went away.

What are you going to do, poor sinner, on the Day of God's wrath? The day will come when mercy's door will be forever closed, but it is open now, and you can find an entrance and be saved. Jesus is saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20). Let Him in. He will bring peace, comfort, and joy.

In His last moments Jesus cried "It is finished"; "Father forgive them, for they

never reach the gates of Heaven. Oh, that today, realizing all these things, from the depths of your immortal nature, there would go up a broken-hearted, compelling cry "God be merciful to me a sinner!"

Another arousing consideration I find is the glory to be won. Paul was apt in comparing the Christian life to a race. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain". I cannot—out of earthly language—twist a wreath fit to symbolize the glories of the Heaven to which we are all invited.

Heaven is a land without a grave, a land without vexation, a land without oppression. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

There are so many folks who seem to have a good chance of Heaven yet who make shipwreck of their faith. To awaken one's soul, one must lay aside "every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." One does not come to this new life as a philosopher or a scientist or a good man, but by being "born again"—being made a "new creature in Christ Jesus." May the reader act today if he has not already done so, and make sure now of his soul's eternal destiny.

know not what they do." He suffered on Calvary to liberate you and me. What He said to Thomas after the Resurrection, He is now saying to you, "Be not faithless, but believing." When Thomas saw, he cried out, "My Lord and my God". (John 20:27).

Unsaved reader, when you find yourself far away from your loving Saviour, will you not turn your face, your heart, your affection and your sympathy toward your tender, loving crucified Lord? Look at the nail-prints, the sword-thrust, and the thorn-prints, then say, from a broken heart, "This was all for me! From this very day I am going to be a follower of Christ, my Lord."



THE "SALVATION NAVY"

The writer of the accompanying article (left, front row) was captain of a fifty-ton sailing vessel, called the Salvationist, which sailed out of St. Johns in the nineties, bound on the Lord's work. Members of the crew were: First-mate (Lieut.) Sparks; and Cadets M. Burry, S. Bishop and J. Carter. The ship sailed around the coast, meetings were held with village folk. On one voyage they fell in with Dr. Grenfell, in his sloop Albert.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God---2 Timothy 2-15

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION



Why I Am A "Shepherd"

By
Cadet
Dudley Coles



It is difficult, within the compass of a few words, accurately to relate all the influences which culminated in the offering of my life to God for service as a Salvation Army officer.

Briefly, however, it can be summarized by saying that over the past few years God has gradually revealed to me that the limited scope and purpose of my life could be expanded, enlarged and transformed to one of inestimable usefulness and value if harmonized with the plan and purpose of His Will. I became conscious of the fact that all the heritage and background, all the experiences and events of my life thus far enjoyed, were given me in trust, not just to be selfishly retained, but as a wonderful preparation for a rich, full, purposeful and fruitful life dedicated to the service of God and man.

While thus becoming aware of this irresistible call to Salvation Army officership, I nevertheless felt there were very real obstacles which would make this impossible

of fulfilment. It can only be briefly mentioned how, through prayer, I realized that, by turning difficulties into stepping-stones, one is often led to the development of character, and of qualities never known previously to exist. I was challenged by the aphorism "Don't have a wish-bone where a back-bone ought to be", and encouraged by St. Paul's affirmation, of which this saying invariably reminded me, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me".

What a thrill it gives me, therefore, to write these few lines as a cadet of the "Shepherds" Session, already knowing something of the immeasurable power to which one has access when the limited resources of one's being are fully yielded to the divine plan.

What verse more suitably and adequately sums up the thoughts I have attempted to express, than the beautiful prayer contained in George Matheson's hymn?

"O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee,
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

THE O.C.A. IN JAPAN

Japan has an Officers' Children Association, representative of the 236 children of officers in Japan, which meets periodically at the territorial centre. One such meeting was of unusual interest in that it was announced as an "International O.C.A. Meeting". For the benefit of their overseas visitors, the leaders had carefully prepared and conducted the meeting in English.

Words of welcome to Major (Dr.) and Mrs. Seamans and their three children from America, Captain Elwyn Harewood from Australia, and Songster Catherine Widdowson (daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Widdowson, Acting Territorial Commander for Korea) from South Africa were spoken by the son of Brigadier Soyeda, the Divisional Commander of the Hokkaido Division. Following a short message by Captain Harewood, all participated in an informal exchange of information on Salvation Army life in the countries represented.

Did you ever hear of a house-owner who charged higher rentals because a public-house had been set up next door?

GIVEN THANKS BADGE

Major Phyllis Titcombe, an English officer serving as a missionary in East Africa, was honoured at a scouting ceremony prior to her departure on homeland furlough recently. In addition to her duties in charge of The Salvation Army's trade department in the East Africa Territory, the Major rendered valued services to the scouting movement. On behalf of the Scout Council of Kenya, the Major was decorated with the Thanks Badge by Brigadier-General Sir Godfrey Rhodes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Chief Commissioner for Kenya.

SMART BOYS!

FROM CHILLIWACK, B.C., comes word of an all-boy corps cadet brigade. They have disproved the theory of those co-education enthusiasts who claim that there have to be girls around to help to keep the boys "on their toes." During the recent visit of the Divisional Young People's Secretary and Mrs. Sr.-Major W. Lorimer, the certificates were presented and every boy received "honours" class. Sr.-Captain and Mrs. R. Weddell are the corps officers.

COMMANDOS CONTINUE RAIDS

Just over a year ago the frequenters of the east-end beverage rooms in Calgary, Alta., were startled by the sudden appearance of uniformed Salvationists. The Calgary Citadel "commandos" were making their first attack.

Their intention, "to carry the fight against sin right into the Devil's back yard", is still being carried out. Separating as they enter, the lads and lassies in Army blue undertake a table-to-table visitation, using *The War Cry* as an effective means of introduction.

Sometimes they are completely ignored, sometimes warmly welcomed, sometimes cursed in language unfit for hearing. But wonderful contacts have been made through this extra-mile endeavour. Many have been led to the Master's feet, claiming deliverance.

After their attack upon the beverage-rooms, the "commandos" muster on the toughest street-corner of the city for the "skidrow" open-air effort. As the public houses close the young Salvationists are completely hemmed in by the crowds surrounding them. Though sometimes the meeting becomes a rough session the commandos rejoice in the battle and seekers kneel in the street to ask forgiveness.

These young people are rapidly becoming veterans in soul-winning. Major and Mrs. W. Ratcliffe are the corps officers, and Bandsman C. Dee is the "commando brigade captain."

OUTPOST ADVANCING

During the Junior Soldiers' Day of Renewal at Napanee, Ont. (2nd-Lieut. and Mrs. D. McNeilly) the company guards arranged a supper, when thirty junior soldiers attended, a special renewal service being held afterwards. The Divisional Youth Officer, 1st-Lieut. I. McNeilly, was present and gave a challenging message. Two new junior soldiers were sworn-in.

The youth officer also conducted a public meeting on the Saturday night, when four seekers were registered.

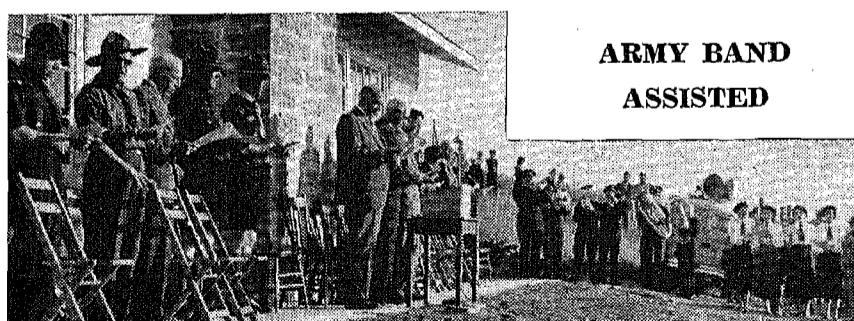
The work at the Deseronto Outpost continues to go well, after several weeks' existence. The home league is increasing its attendances, and now meets in the recently-acquired hall. "Youth Nite" meetings, held at the outpost, are attracting interest, while both the company meeting and Sunday holiness gatherings have been successful.

CADETS AT JANE STREET

A group of enthusiastic cadets led by Cadet-Sergeant E. McLean, visited the Jane Street Corps, Toronto, (Captain R. Kirby and 2nd-Lieut. J. Kirby). Twelve young people gave their hearts to the Lord in the company meeting.

In the morning a meeting was held outside the home of one of the oldest soldiers of the corps, who has been ill for some time.

ARMY BAND ASSISTED



THE SALVATION ARMY band, Hanover, Ont., playing at the opening of the Hanover and District Scout and Guide Recreational Centre. 2nd-Lieut. G. Leonard and Pro-Lieut. R. Langfield are the corps officers.



The "Shepherds" cadets have been privileged to see continued soul-saving work being done in the corps where their brigades are at work. In the majority of their meetings there have been reconsecrations made, and new souls won for the Master.

"Suggestion boxes" have been placed on both the men's and women's side of the building, and the numerous ideas with which young folks' brains teem will be pooled, discussed, and acted upon where feasible.

The largest venture yet undertaken by the "Shepherds" was known as "Operation Oakville". For this event Mayor J. Black, of Oakville, declared the day "Salvation Army Day", and full co-operation was received from civic, educational, and other authorities. The schedule went like this:

8.00 a.m. The Training Principal, Brigadier W. Rich, and the training college staff and cadets arrived and mustered at the outskirts of the town, preparatory to their entrance march.

8.30 a.m. They arrived at the post office where a civic reception was given by the mayor. The Salvation Army flag was raised on the municipal staff, to the strains of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

9.00 a.m. Following a march through the town, there was a gathering in the assembly room of the Oakville Trafalgar High School. Besides musical items, two cadets gave personal witness.

9.45 a.m. March to the centre of operations, the Oakville Citadel, where 2nd-Lieut. and Mrs. R. Dark are the corps officers. One hour of personal dealing with people wherever they might be found was undertaken.

11.45 a.m. Group open-air efforts were held in four locations in the business section. The field unit had been used effectively to announce meetings and proclaim the Gospel.

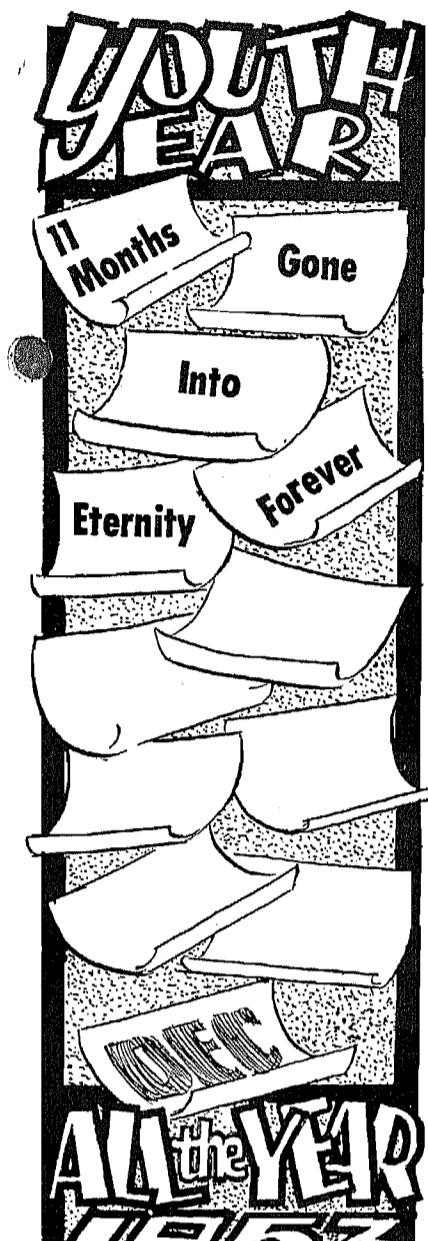
The afternoon activities included two hours of door-to-door visitation, a meeting held in the Old Folks' Home at nearby Milton, an open-air gathering in Bronte, hospital visitation, a young people's gathering in St. John's United Church Hall, and finally a united open-air effort on the main street.

After supper Sr.-Major W. Pedlar and a musical party attended the local Kiwanis Club, where the Major spoke on the training of cadets.

8.00 p.m. A service of witness was held in the high school auditorium. Many of the local clergymen were present and the St. John's United Church choir also took part. The cadets sang, played, and testified and Brigadier Rich gave the message.

10.30 p.m. After refreshments, served by the Oakville Home League (responsible for all such necessities during the day), the weary but happy evangelists boarded the buses for home. They left behind many who were now thoughtful concerning the things that really matter, and others who yielded to Christ.

THE WAR CRY



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE
TO SAVE A SOUL THIS YEAR?

"One Moment, Please . . .!"

By Captain H. MacLean

THE Congress of Correction has been meeting in Toronto recently. Among the many delegates from the United States and Canada who attended have been forty Salvation Army officers and envoys who have responsibility for spiritual work among the prisoners in both countries.

One man from the State of Michigan told of a large institution in his state where The Salvation Army did not, apparently, conduct meetings. Yet in some way or other The War Cry was made available to the men, and it came regularly into the cell of a man who was serving twenty-eight years for first-degree murder. This man was regarded as a hardened case.

To his cell there came The War Cry and, as he read it, its message began to pierce the shell of cynicism which he had always maintained toward religion.

Brought before the warden one day, he was asked to what church he belonged. He answered, to none, but added that he was "interested" in The Salvation Army. Hearing this and knowing that he had only a few more years to serve before his release, the warden arranged for his transfer to another prison where he knew the Army had regular contacts with the men.

The result was amazing. This man's interest deepened, he became converted, wondering if there was any chance of such a man as he being of service in the world. He had read about a Salvation Army officer in Texas and to him he wrote. The answer came back, "When you are free, just let me know; we can take care of you."

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GIVE YOUTH MORE SCOPE

In This Age of Unlimited Possibilities

By Lt.-Colonel W. G. Effer, Mid-Ontario Division

UCH a lot has been said and written about today's Youth, exalting their achievements, regretting their apparent inability to rise to the heights that seemed to be the peculiar expression of bygone days, that one is almost loth to add more. Yet, if I venture to advance my word it is because of strong convictions about the grand opportunities that await our young people.

Merely to admit that times have changed is but to repeat what is constantly being recognized, but what I fear is, that if the outward structure of things has undergone a revolutionary change, the mental approach to discovering the solution to the various existing problems has also, in keeping with the times, been modified. Because the methods adopted for dealing with these problems are so vastly different to those of days past, we tend to imagine and even at times, affirm unwisely, that the young people do not rise to the spirit of the early-day warriors.

We are witnessing in Canada a rapid expansion in every field of human endeavour, and this opens up to the Army a field of unlimited possibilities. Some of us deeply deplore the apparent unwillingness to recognize that the Army still possesses that peculiar magnetism of attraction which, if but capitalized upon in this strategic moment, could conceivably double its fighting strength in the next ten years.

We revere the accomplishments of the old warriors; we hold in the

highest esteem their consecration and utter willingness to abandon themselves to the task of winning souls; but we cannot allow any sentimental regard for time-aged procedure and antiquated systems to impede the apprehending of new fields of adventure.

It is vital that we allow intelligent and loyal Salvationist Youth of today to be in the vanguard of exploratory endeavours. No pioneer work has ever been essayed without certain experiences that have been made the basis for rectified policies, and the attitude of, "Go careful" and "Let us see how things work out," should not be allowed to hold sway in our decisions.

Is it not possible to form in every corps a youth council, which shall have considerable freedom, under the protective guidance of the commanding officer, and have the privilege of proposing new ways of accomplishing Salvation Army objec-



tives, and then set out to work them out?

This, of course, will involve a willingness to attempt things that may not always carry the better judgment of older comrades but, even so, possess the elements of accomplishment. We must be doing!

I am not proposing that any modification should be permitted in the rigidity of the Army's principles, or the maintenance of those standards of conduct that keep it what it is, but I do feel convinced that, within the scope of these standards and principles, there is a wide vista of great, and I believe what will prove to be diversified progress, bringing enrichment to the Army and the Kingdom.

Are we prepared to allow the young people to enter into their kingdom, to express freely without criticism their views, to tabulate new enterprises, and to engage in venturesome pioneer exploits?

I frankly publicize this, because I firmly believe that there are thousands of young men and women, here in Canada, waiting for us to give them this opportunity. Will they rise to it? Will they respond? Will anything come of it? How can we know but by allowing them to fulfill their destiny in this age of Youth? I know what I feel would be the result.

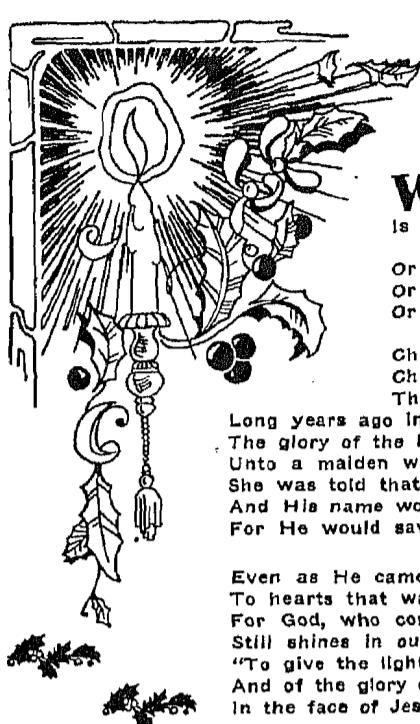
They Will Preserve Standards

Everything leads us to believe in the energy, enthusiasm, vision and initiative of the Army's Youth, and I for one heartily believe that they are also possessed of such consecration to the highest and best, and have sufficient love for the Army as to not allow them to permit anything to happen to this great concern—which belongs to all its members—that could lower its standards of holiness and its reputation of being servants of all.

In this competitive age, when titanic efforts are employed by commerce and industry to keep their goods to the forefront, not resting on the reputation built up over the years, not even in the unimpeachable quality of goods produced we also, when the powers of darkness are using all their subtle devices to capture the imagination of the young, must be prepared to go all out for the thwarting of their designs and the bringing in of the Kingdom.

Young people, offer yourselves for this task, undaunted by the impediments in your way, and the failures of the past and the future. Allow no interference of human kind or even the expenditure in terms of material, but courageously insist on your right to build a better world, in the way which we believe to be the only way—establishing the kingdom of righteousness, truth and love.

To learn of the missionary work of The Salvation Army, read "A Missionary's Memories", by Henry Bullard (India, Japan, the West Indies, and Africa); "The Flower Called 'Faith-in-the-Night'", by Madge Unsworth (leper work in Indonesia); "Save-The-World Army", by Hal Beckett (China); or "Korea For Christ", by Charles Sylvester.



What Is Christmas?

WHAT is this thing called Christmas? Is it only tradition? Is it only cards for weary mail carriers to handle?

Or Christmas trees, or burning candles, or even lovely carols sung in the night air? Or countless gifts?

Christmas is more than these. Christmas is the mystery of God; The wonder of His eternal love.

Long years ago in far off Palestine, The glory of the Lord was revealed Unto a maiden whose name was Mary. She was told that she should bring forth a son, And His name would be called Jesus. For He would save His people from their sins.

Even as He came of old, He comes To hearts that watch for him. For God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, Still shines in our hearts, "To give the light of the knowledge And of the glory of God In the face of Jesus Christ."

THE TURKEY'S HISTORY

WHEN you put your feet under the loaded Yuletide dinner table, surreptitiously loosen your belt, and prepare to "dig in," spare a moment to realize that the meat course—the lordly turkey—is an ancient and historic bird; not implying, of course, that the particular bird you are about to demolish is old and tough.

"Tom" has been a banquet bird for so many hundreds of years that his debut in this role is literally wreathed in the mists of the past.

We know, of course, that the turkey was the Thanksgiving meal of the Pilgrim Fathers, thus introducing his bronze majesty into an all-time prominence in that role on this continent. But that was only a minor phase in his legendary career—and he was chosen by the pilgrims largely because the turkey, noted more for succulence than guile, was present in great numbers and easily slaughtered in those early American days.

The very name "turkey" is a misnomer and misleading. Turkey cock was the name originally applied to the guinea cock which, as a native of Africa, was imported into England by way of Turkey.

About the beginning of the sixteenth century, when the Spaniards discovered Mexico, they also discovered the turkey. The Aztecs, who then ruled in Mexico, had been familiar with this noble bird from time immemorial. He occupied a place of honour on their tables at religious festivals, often flanked by such side dishes as roast slave. The historian, describing an Aztec religious feast, tells us ". . . The table was well provided with substantial meats, especially game; among which the most conspicuous was turkey, erroneously supposed, as the name

implies, to have come originally from the East." That was over 500 years ago.

Actually the turkey was introduced into Europe by the Spaniards who found immense numbers of them in the domesticated state on their arrival in Mexico. They called the bird "gallopavo" from its resemblance to the peacock.

The wild turkey, recognized as the greatest of all game birds, flourished not only in New Spain, but



A PRIZE SPECIMEN

all along the continent, in the less frequented places, from the north-western territory of the United States to Panama. It is a larger, more beautiful, and in every way an incomparably finer bird than the domesticated.

Saskatchewan Farmer

A Million Dollar Business

Thirty years ago, when British Columbia entered the Christmas tree industry, the returns were only in the thousands of dollars. It was a trifling trade, and the future prospects seemed unimportant.

This season Christmas trees are expected to bring in \$1,000,000, and perhaps more. Most of the new money will come from the United States, chiefly from New York and other eastern districts.

The British Columbia Forest Service estimated that 2,000,000 Christmas trees would be shipped out of the province by early December. Last year's outside total was 1,700,000 valued at slightly more than \$800,000.

Trees cut for decoration inside the province are not included in these estimates. These bring in only a few thousand dollars, as large numbers of home owners gather trees from nearby woodlands, legally or otherwise.

The B.C. Forest Service estimates each tree is worth fifty cents on the average. This includes the land owner's share, the cutter's price, the handling and shipping expenses, and the wholesaler's mark-up. Once the tree crosses the line and goes east the price goes steadily up. A tree that may bring ten cents to the axeman in the Cariboo may be tagged at \$5 in New York before Christmas.

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"Christians, Awake!"

How a World-famous Carol Was Written

WHEREVER the English language is spoken, "Christians, awake, salute the happy morn," rings out at Christmas-time. But, although the words are so well known, there are comparatively few who know how they came to be written.

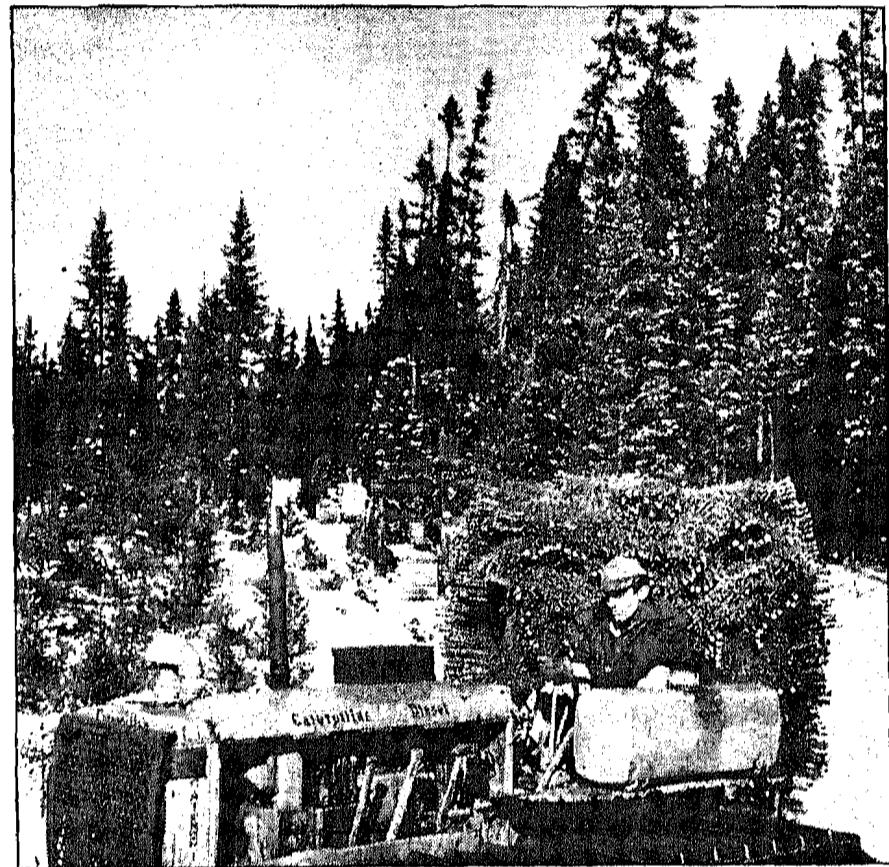
The author was Dr. John Byrom, who lived in a pretty cottage, called "Kersal Cell," by the River Irwell, two miles from Manchester. Here, under the shadow of an old yew tree, his favourite writing-place, he wielded a facile pen.

The Christmas of 1750 was approaching, and Dr. Byrom was writing a dialogue for a Yuletide gathering.

spirit of their master, kept the matter a profound secret.

Then, on Christmas-eve, away they hied to "Kersal Cell." The air was crisp, and hoar-frost bedecked the silent hedgerows and trees as the choristers quietly made their way down the lanes and opened the wicket-gate at "Kersal Cell". They were marshalled around the portico. The clock in the Cathedral tower began the chime of twelve. With the last stroke of the bell Wainwright raised his baton and, for the first time, those clarion notes pealed forth through the midnight air.

The Young Soldier
Western Territory, U.S.



TAKING CHRISTMAS TREES from the forests at Big Falls, U.S.A. The harvesting of one and a half million of these trees is a year round job. The cutters go after the trees in March, April and May and resume the cutting in August, September and October. By November the temperature is below 10 degrees F. and the branches and needles of the spruce trees become too brittle to work with. The trees are taken to the Halvorson Tree Plant in Duluth where they are processed and neatly trimmed. Then they are dipped into huge paint vats where they are coloured green, silver or white. After this they are pressed into stands that contain "liquid life". The trees are then put into cold storage and held for shipment.

ering, when his daughter, Dorothy, stole up to his elbow.

"Excuse me, father," she whispered, "can you spare a minute?"

"Well, Dolly, what is it?"

Her heart's desire was that her father would write her a short poem for Christmas, and she would copy it to send to her dearest friends by the mail-coach—there being no penny postage in those days.

At the moment there was not a single thought of what the poem might be like, but he replied, "I will, Dolly; you shall have the best that pen can indite."

A few days later a sheet of paper was placed under Dolly's breakfast plate, and there, complete, was a poem of forty-eight lines, which bore the title, "Christmas Day for Dolly."

Except for the title, it is preserved for us almost as first written. A copy of the poem fell into the hands of John Wainwright, organist and choirmaster of Manchester Cathedral.

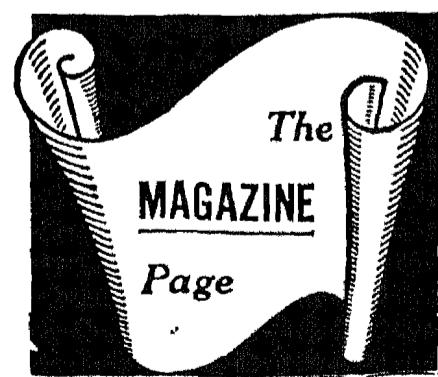
Ere the next practice night had come around, he had divided the poem into verses, and finished with an expert hand the now celebrated tune, which in honour of his native town, he named "Stockport." The tune was practiced and learned, together with the words of the poem; his faithful choristers catching the

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Other provinces which share in the Christmas tree trade are Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which are leading producers, with Quebec and Ontario as runners-up. Two years ago Canada supplied approximately twenty-five percent of all the Christmas trees used in the United States.

Canadians like Christmas trees quite as well as their U.S. neighbours do and nearly four million go to the home market.

The driver of a lorry was nearly smothered by broken eggs when his lorry overturned in an accident in Southern Italy.



THE WAR CRY

ARMY'S MOST ISOLATED CORPS

Thirteen Years Without An Officer

MUNYU Corps is in the fever belt—107 miles from divisional headquarters at Mountain View—and east of the Ubombo Mountains in the extreme north of Zululand, Africa. Because of its inaccessibility, over the years, very few visits have been made to the corps from the divisional centre. No commissioned officer has ever been stationed there, and it was with mixed feelings that a party set out on a recent Saturday to contact this centre of isolated salvationism.

Palm trees and thorn bush and fine white sand as far as the eye can see are the only noticeable features of the corps area. The truck drew up in a little clearing and simultaneously through the trees the sound of an old Army chorus, lustily sung, was heard. In a moment or two the faded red of Army insignia was visible and a long line of smiling earnest and welcoming comrades was soon greeting the visitors—first with the traditional "Cibani's," and then individually, as each comrade shook hands personally with his officers.

The weekend's activities began with a prayer and testimony meeting on Saturday evening. Song books (so rare a possession now-a-days) were much in evidence and it was an inspiration to see that almost every one of the score or so men soldiers was ready with his Bible open when the Scriptures were announced to be read.

It should be pointed out that the corps was opened some thirteen years ago following the return to his home of an African "house-boy" who had been converted at the Army in Durban. A close contact with the city corps, both in Durban and Johannesburg, has been maintained by the majority of the men soldiers—most of whom have, during their periodical stays at work in town, learned to read.

Later, the comrades brought gifts of food to the truck, which became in turn, kitchen and sleeping quarters, as well as mobile division headquarters. A line of seven stalwart Zulu maidens, each grasping a live fowl, heralded the provisions column and from the first meal to the last, the warmest hospitality was maintained.

On Sunday, early morning knee-drill filled the hall to capacity with earnestly praying soldiers. The hall itself—a structure of woven branches surmounted by an iron roof and paved only with the white sand common to the area—is a monument to industry and initiative; but the intelligent and faith-filled prayers of the comrades were more accurately representative of the salvationism so alive in this corps which is surely the most isolated of any in the Union of South Africa.

Despite its isolation, the corps has flourished over the years since it was last visited and, during the weekend, the divisional commander swore-in nineteen senior soldiers and appointed Envoy Isaac Ndlovu to take the oversight of the work. The divisional young people's secretary was able to organize a promising company meeting, and thirteen babies were dedicated.

MOUNTAIN CORPS

Lt.-Commissioner W. Dray Territorial Commander for the Southern Territory, U.S.A., dedicated two new Army centres in the mountain district of North Carolina recently. The motorcade travelled over modern roads where once there had been winding foot-paths and wagon-trails from Max Patch Mission to Sleepy Valley, on the Tennessee border. Commenting on the new roads and new buildings, the Commissioner said, "We in The Salvation Army believe in temples restored and rebuilt. God has done that with human beings."

IN THE WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY

By Mrs. Major L. Watkins, Sunbury, England

OUR first meeting in Africa—at the Lagos Central Hall—was one long to be remembered. A large crowd had gathered to welcome us, and the sight of the smiling faces of some two hundred Africans was very cheering. How could we fail to recognize the warmth of the greeting and the heartiness of the welcome? Naturally, one of the things that impressed us most was the singing—everyone knows that negroes can sing. And negroes love meetings! No matter how long they lasted, they were never too lengthy for the African.

They were usually conducted in very simple English, but when it was seen that there were good numbers of any particular tribe, the message was translated into the language of the greatest number present. The tribes being so numerous and their languages often not known by the members of other tribes, the mode of communication was usually by pidgin English, which we quickly understood.

I keep in hallowed memory one of the most impressive meetings I attended in West Africa. It took the form of a dedication service, and was conducted by my husband. First, twelve young men were called to the platform—youths who, in recent months, had been brought to the knowledge of Christ from heathenism. They wished to be known as believers in Jesus Christ and to take Christian names. Their former names were called out first, then the Major announced to the congregation the new names which these men had chosen for themselves. It was most interesting to note the kind of names chosen. They were these—John, Peter, Josiah, Michael, Joseph, Israel, Mark, James, Gabriel, Jacob, Emanuel and Samuel.

Deep feelings were stirred as one remembered that only a year previously all these were in heathen darkness who were now being publicly dedicated as believers in our Lord Jesus. After this, four other

comrades were dedicated as Salvationists. These were from other churches but, of their own free will, they wanted to become Salvationists. The West African Salvationists love what are termed "text meetings", when verses of scripture are quoted by those who wish to testify in this way. The texts chosen by the natives show a wide knowledge of the Bible, and hackneyed texts are not often used. One time the familiar John 3:16 was translated from the Yoruba Bible into English as follows:

"For God has loved all the people of the world so greatly, that His only born Son He has given, and to everyone who believed on His Son there shall never come a punishing time, but he shall for this faith receive life without ending."

And the testimonies! How thrilling in their simplicity. If they had had a special answer to prayer, how they loved to tell of it! One of the young converts of Lagos Central Hall in his testimony said: "When I was walking along the road playing my guitar (a frequent practice, by the way, among many young Africans), a policeman came to me and say, 'You come to police station with me.' And I say to him, 'Why you take me to police station? I not do any thing wrong. I only play my guitar.' He say, 'Never mind, you come.' So I walk along with him and I pray—'O God, You know I not do anything wrong. I only play my guitar. Lord, help me! Lord, help me!' When we get to police station, big man ask policeman, 'Why you bring this boy? What he do?' And policeman no say anything. And big man say to me, 'You go home. It be all right, boy.' So I come out of police station and I say, 'Oh, hallelujah! God hear my prayer, and He make policeman forget what he going to say!'

On our last Sunday in Lagos I heard the Central Hall sergeant-major give a striking testimony with regard to answered prayer. He had a small general shop and, in his

business, dealt with various people, among others some Mohammedans.

He told how, during the preceding week he had been in business conversation with some Mohammedans and had made use of a Biblical expression, upon which one of the Mohammedans said: "That is in your Bible, isn't it?" The sergeant-major replied that it was. The man asked if he had a Bible with him, to which he replied that he had.

"Show it to me in your Bible", said the Mohammedan. The sergeant-major put his hand into his pocket to draw out the Bible when he suddenly thought, "I can't remember just where that quotation is to be found."

As he drew the Bible from his pocket, he prayed that God would guide him, and by the time he had the Bible fully in his hand, he was able to turn to the chapter and verse. The Mohammedan would not touch the Bible, but looked over it and said, "Yes, I thought it was in your Bible, but felt I would just like to see it for myself."

The sergeant-major finished up with a hearty "hallelujah", in which the congregation joined.

A Feeling of Gladness

When leading a meeting one evening in one of our smaller halls, we were enjoying the singing of "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." I noticed a stranger come into the hall while we were singing and, when later in the meeting an opportunity was given for testimony, he rose and said: "I do not belong to the Salvation, but I was passing by and heard you all singing so heartily 'I am so glad that Jesus loves me' and a big feeling of gladness came into my heart when I heard you, because I also know that Jesus loves me. I think many people must be glad as they pass your halls and hear you singing so. As I said, I do not belong to The Salvation, but I think that perhaps some day I shall feel bound to join."

He left before the meeting closed, and no one seemed to know who he was, but we rejoiced as we realized that he was only one of many who must from time to time be cheered and encouraged by our singing—but they do not all come in to tell us so!

I remember hearing another comrade in one of the Sunday meetings tell the story of his conversion. He said that, while sitting reading and smoking in his garden one Saturday afternoon, there came a knock at the gate. He called "come in" and, to his surprise, two men-cadets from the training college entered. They told him the purpose of their visit and, after some little conversation, they handed him an invitation to the meeting, prayed with him and left. He looked at the handbill they had given him, which showed a man sitting at his desk in an office. On the door a sign said "I am busy", but the figure of Christ was at the door, and His hand knocked.

The native looked at the words, "If you are not too busy to think of the claims of Christ we invite you to attend the meetings in the Central Hall next Sunday."

The words went to his heart. During the following day he tried to forget about the visit of the cadets and their invitation to the meetings. Over and over again, however, the words echoed in his mind "If you are not too busy"; "If you are not too busy". One day, he made his way to a place he had never thought to visit—the Central Hall. He began to think of the claims of Christ and gave his heart to God, and to hear him sing "There's a great change since I've been born again" in a voice that rings with assurance is something to stir the heart.



NEW HALL IN Asuncion, Paraguay, donated by the U.S.A. Central Territory. A Canadian missionary officer, Lt. Commissioner F. Ham, may be seen at the left rear.

Listen, an English magazine of international outlook, congratulates The Salvation Army on the 4,000th issue of *The War Cry*.

"This paper," says *Listen*, "was first published in England on December 26, 1879. Then 17,000 copies were printed and a horse cab was hired to take the papers to the railway station. Now it has a circulation of 250,000 in England alone, and 126 other papers have been started on the same lines. These are published in places as far apart as Germany, Canada, and Argentina."

The real answer to Communism, at this time of tension and conflict, is a worldwide Christian community which takes Christianity seriously in international affairs, in national affairs, and in individual life.

The Army's international fellowship still operates at all points of the compass. Major F. Hay, en route from New Zealand to attend a session of the Staff College in England, was met by Salvationists at Panama, Curacao, Southampton, and London.



THE COMMISSIONER, with Sir Alexander Hood, Governor of Bermuda, leaving Wesley Methodist Church after the citizen's rally during the congress.

OVERCAST and rainy weather greeted Commissioner and Mrs. Wm. R. Dalziel as they alighted from the plane that bore them to Bermuda to conduct the much-anticipated congress. This did not dampen the faith which was running high for a great weekend for Bermudian Salvationists, nor was faith disappointed. Just as the winds carried away the clouds and rain and a warm sun smiled upon Congress Sunday, so did the benediction of God rest upon the meetings throughout, bringing spiritual renewal and healing to many.

A spirit of warmth and anticipation marked the welcome rally as Salvationists and friends gathered from all parts of the colony to greet the leaders, as well as Sr.-Captains E. Parr and K. Rawlins, who accompanied them.

Introduced by the Divisional Commander, Brigadier O. Welbourn, representative speakers—Mrs. Captain E. Deering, Sergeant-Major S. Wellman and Young People's Sergeant-Major Ruth Simons expressed greetings on behalf of the officers, the senior and young people's corps. This was preceded by the presentation of a corsage of flowers to Mrs. Commissioner Dalziel by an attractive little junior. Mrs. Dalziel, in her remarks, told of how Christ had won her heart when she was but ten years of age, and how this experience had later prompted her to render whole-hearted service, which had brought her happiness and peace. The visiting Captains played an original arrangement of "The Old Rugged Cross."

True Values Stressed

The Commissioner, in his Bible address, exhorted his hearers not to "neglect the gift within" as he referred to various Biblical and modern instances which illustrated the importance of those things sometimes considered to be insignificant.

During the evening, the congress chorus (Songster Leader D. Knight) sang "Ready for the Fray" and "Fight for your Lord". The united bands (Divisional Bandmaster E. Bean) played the march "Joy and Liberty." The singing of "Marching on to Victory" by the Hamilton Guides was led by Guide Captain Hester Ming, music and words being written and arranged by Songster Leader D. Knight.

After a hallowed prayer meeting—which was conducted by Captain E. Tuck—and two well-attended

IN THE CORAL ISLANDS

Bermuda's Annual Congress Led By Commissioner and Mrs. Wm. R. Dalziel

open-air meetings, Sunday morning's activities began with a song and prayer for more holiness. Mrs. Dalziel led the responsive scripture reading, after which Sr.-Captains Parr and Rawlins played "Follow thou Me." Sr.-Captain Parr spoke of the joy there is in following Jesus, when that service is prompted by sincere love for the Master.

The congress chorus sang "A Prayer" and the united bands assisted in the hearty singing.

The Commissioner's message pertained to the influence of the mind on the action. Emphasizing Paul's words that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, he said that this is made possible by full co-operation with God, the Holy Spirit.

The appeal for full surrender met with a ready response as forty-one seekers bowed at the Mercy-Seat in consecration.

Citizens' Rally

The citizens' rally, held on Sunday afternoon in the Wesley Methodist Church and attended by His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Hood, and many leading citizens of Bermuda, was an expression of appreciation of the work of The Salvation Army in the islands.

The scripture portion was read by the Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Stow and Rev. J. Berridge led in prayer. Greetings were brought by the Rev. Victor Ford, representing the Bermuda Ministerial Association, by Mr. Horace Ward, the President of the Hamilton Rotary Club and by Mr. E. Graham Gibbon (Jr.), who represented the Corporation of Hamilton.

The chairman, Sir Stanley Spurling, introduced the Commissioner, who gripped the attention of the audience from the opening sentence of his address. In vivid language he traced the phenomenal growth of the Army from its seemingly small beginnings to its present place of world-wide scope and influence. With many stories of early and present day miracles wrought in the lives of men and women, he reminded his hearers that "truth is stranger than fiction" but that "faith is stronger than fact."

Courtesies were extended by Mr. Frederick Tucker, M.C.P.; Dr. J. D. Smith pronounced the benediction. The united bands and the congress chorus brought blessing by their messages in music and song.

From the first note of the open-

ing song of the Sunday night meeting, held in the crowded Colonial Opera House, every exercise of the service had as its aim the salvation of sinners. Mrs. Commissioner Dalziel told of how she, as a young girl, had heard the call to service, and of the great joy that had come to her through obedience.

The Commissioner, in a challenging message, warned of the danger of the materialistic viewpoint that refuses to accept the Gift of God.

HER MAJESTY'S INTEREST

(By Air-Mail)

CONCLUDING two notable weeks in Bermuda in connection with the Bermudian Annual Congress and visits to all the corps in the colony, Commissioner and Mrs. Wm. R. Dalziel received an invitation from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Hood to attend a garden party at Government House in honour of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen very graciously stopped at the sight of the uniform and spoke most cordially to the Commissioner and Mrs. Dalziel. Her Majesty made kind and knowledgeable inquiries about Salvation Army affairs in Bermuda and Canada.

Brigadier and Mrs. O. Welbourn were also guests at the Royal Garden Party and were introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh, who also made kind enquiries as to the Army's personnel and work in the colony.

In a well-fought prayer battle the efforts of the day were crowned with many seekers at the Mercy-Seat.

The Women's Rally

The women's rally was attended by representatives from various women's groups of the Island. After the opening exercises, Mrs. Brigadier Welbourn presented the chairman for the gathering, Lady Hall, M.B.E. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Ida Smith, who represented various women's groups of the colony, and Mrs. Butterfield, M.B.E., on behalf of social services.

Mrs. Daniel Smith read from the scripture, and Songster Hester Ming rendered the solo, "Jesus gives me a Song." A feature of the meeting

was a period of bright, happy chorus-singing led by Captain Edna Tuck. The visiting Captains played an instrumental selection, and the girls of the Sarah Kempe Training School presented a well-acted scene "Moses in the Bulrushes."

Mrs. Dalziel was warmly welcomed and, in her address, gave a comprehensive and interesting picture of the Army's social and spiritual work among women in Canada. Scene after scene was brought before the audience, as the speaker described the various types of homes and institutions in operation. First-Lieut. Marion Lodge voiced the thanks of all present.

The Congress Festival

Something of the progress of the work of the Army in Bermuda and its present-day activities for youth was demonstrated at the congress festival before an audience which overflowed the Alexandrina Hall, Hamilton. Under the direction of Captain E. Deering and a programme committee, the Army youth and various corps' musical combinations united to make the festival an outstanding event.

The congress youth chorus set the pace for the evening as the forty young women who comprised the group, marched to the platform from the entrance of the hall singing, "Who is on the Lord's side," and continued by introducing the theme of the programme "Christ the Way for Youth today." Mrs. Captain R. Walker read the scripture portion, and this was followed by the opening scene of the evening's presentation, which depicted comrades, young and old, discussing the current congress, and events which led to the Army's present status in Bermuda.

As an unseen narrator related Bermudian Army history, scenes pertaining to the various groups were enacted on the platform. Cubs, brownies, guides, scouts, rangers, youth group members, juniors, youth chorus and young people's bandmembers, songsters, bandsmen and corps cadets, representing all corps, demonstrated what Christ can do for Youth.

The Somerset Rally

A united meeting at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Somerset, ended the congress gatherings on a note of praise. The spirit and style of the meeting reminded one of the "free-and-easy" (Continued on page 12)

A GLIMPSE of the interior of the church and part of the congregation who listened to the Commissioner's address at the Bermuda Congress citizens' rally.





FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Comments by A SALVATIONIST MEMBER

Walter G. Dinsdale, M.P.



MARKED by pageantry that dates back 500 years in British history the first session of Canada's 22nd Parliament got under way on Thursday, November 12.

Following the election of August 10, the Liberal Party was back on the Government side of the House of Commons again with an overwhelming majority. The Conservative Party occupies the benches reserved for Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. This party and the C.C.F. and Social Credit groups will constitute the Opposition, or the conscience of Government for the next four or five years of the life of the 22nd Parliament.

Alternate English and French

The most important member in the House of Commons is the one selected to fill the role of Speaker. As Chairman of the House of Commons, the Speaker carries the responsibility of insuring that the processes of democracy function in the House. He is the custodian of all the traditions and freedoms that have been won during the long years of development of our British parliamentary system.

The responsibility and honour for the 22nd Parliament has fallen upon Mr. Rene Beaudoin, a comparatively young member, forty-one years of age. Canada's last Parliament was chaired by Mr. Ross MacDonald, an English-speaking member. By established custom then, the position now goes to a French-speaking Can-

adian. The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, made the motion nominating Mr. Beaudoin and it was seconded by Mr. Drew, Leader of the Opposition.

Speech From The Throne

This year Canada's Governor-General, Vincent Massey, revived the custom of riding to the Parliament Buildings in a horse-drawn coach, a custom that had been abandoned for some twenty years. This follows closely the method of convey of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, when she travels to Westminster to open the Mother of Parliaments. Escorted by scarlet-clad outriders of the R.C.M.P., the Governor-General's procession provided a brilliant spectacle as it swept up to Parliament Hill to be greeted by the Prime Minister and other dignitaries of state.

In the Senate Chamber, members of parliament, leaders from all walks of life, and judges of the Supreme Court, waited eagerly to hear the Speech from the Throne. A sprinkling of Salvation Army uniforms could be seen, for Lt. Colonel and Mrs. A. Keith, Majors A. Hill and A. Simester were on hand as representatives of our organization. The throne speech outlines proposed legislation for the forthcoming session. According to it, Parliament will have a busy time revising the Criminal Code, the Canada Bank Act, amending the National Housing Act and handling many other pieces of legislation. I was particularly interested to hear that assistance was going to be provided for totally disabled persons. This will likely take the form of a forty dollar per month pension, and will be a great

boon to many of our citizens stricken with chronic, crippling handicaps.

The debate on the speech from the throne is now under way in the Commons. The 265 members from every part of this vast country, for the next few months will be discussing ways and means of dealing with pressing national and international problems.

I would remind my readers that you are a part of the Canadian parliamentary system. Your member would be glad to hear from you at any time on matters under discussion in Canada's Parliament.

I have just returned from the Commons Chamber and the inspiring experience of hearing President Dwight Eisenhower address a joint session of the Senate and the Com-

mons. The last time I heard him was in dear old London, back in 1945, just after his great liberation victories in Europe. At that time I felt his presence and words were those of a truly great man.

Today, I sat just five seats away from the President. I looked right into his flashing blue eyes as he discussed the tremendous issues of the hour. There is no need to repeat what he said. All Canada and the U.S.A. were tuned in by radio and T.V. What matters is that President Eisenhower spoke with a sincerity and conviction that were genuine. He is a great, a good—a godly man. The Western world is favoured in its leadership.

THREE NEW CHRISTMAS RECORDS

New records received at the Trade Department are as follows: MF 372 March "The Carollers" (R. Holz).

Christmas Carols: (a) "O Come Emmanuel"; (b) "We Three Kings of Orient Are"; (c) "Ding Dong, Merrily on High".

MF 373 Selection "By Love Compelled" (R. Allen), parts 1 and 2.

MF 374 Selection "Army of the Brave" (G. Marshall), parts 1 and 2.

By Tottenham Citadel Band (Bandmaster E. Edwards)

Other recent issues include MF 369 March "Exultation" (R. Allen), March "Dovercourt Citadel" (P. Merritt).

MF 370 Selection "The King of Kings" (part 2), (E. Ball), "Jerusalem" (Perry).

MF 371 Selection "The King of Kings" (E. Ball) parts 1 and 3, by the International Staff Band, Price \$1.00 each.

Carrying charges prepaid on three or more records. The Trade Department, 100 Davisville Ave., Toronto. See full page ad. of Christmas suggestions on back cover.

SAT ON THE PENITENT-FORM

A trophy of grace gave his testimony at Toronto Temple Corps (Sr. Major and Mrs. T. Murray) on Sunday morning and a visitor sitting at the back of the hall (Victoria Auditorium) was so impressed that he attended an open-air meeting later in the day. At the close of the salvation meeting at night, following the corps officer's powerful Bible message, he made his way to the Mercy-Seat. He was so ignorant of the Army's procedure for penitents that he sat on the penitent-form until invited to kneel.

Following this interlude two new Salvation Army-make-BB flat instruments were dedicated for use in the band, which numbers more than thirty players. Band League Secretary Mrs. M. Cole was largely responsible for raising funds for the new instruments. Taking part in the dedication service were Bandmaster K. Rix, who accepted the instruments on behalf of the band, and the two bass players, who subsequently rejoined their musician-comrades in rendering two selections. The songsters, at full strength sang "Ambassadors" with spirit. The hall was full for the ceremony.

On the previous Sunday, after the salvation meeting, the band marched from the partly-demolished Temple to the adjacent City Hall cenotaph where three wreaths were laid in honour of more than a hundred Temple men and women comrades who served in two world wars. Taking part in the service were Sr. Major W. Jolly, a former Temple corps officer, Sr. Major Murray and Quartermaster S. Glenn, president of The Salvation Army ex-service-men's association and wearer of nine military medals for service in the various campaigns. Band League Secretary Mrs. Cole wore her husband's decoration, the Victoria Cross. Her husband paid the supreme sacrifice in the First World War.

STUDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Bandmaster W. Dinsdale, M.A., M.P., addressed the monthly meeting of The Salvation Army Students' Fellowship in Toronto recently. The president, Bandsman C. Batten, introduced the speaker who gave an informative address, entitled "The Salvation Army, Church or Sect."

A discussion period followed, led by the speaker in which many practical aspects of Army warfare were discussed. Lt.-Colonel T. Mundy closed the gathering in prayer. Salvationist university undergraduates and graduates are asked to contact the secretary, Captain B. Halsey, 79 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ont., for further information regarding membership in the Canadian branch of the international organization of Salvationists.

The MacRobert Hospital, at Dhariwal, in the Punjab, India, is two thousand miles from the territorial headquarters for the North-East India Territory, at Calcutta. The hospital is within sight of the Himalaya Mountains. It accommodates 120 inpatients; more than 200 out-patients are treated daily.

Ideas of Pleasing God

Do Not Correspond With Bible Teaching

THE average U.S. citizen believes in God, considers religion "very important," attends church at least twice a month, and thinks he'll go to Heaven when he dies.

These are among a few of the findings of probably the most comprehensive survey ever made of religious beliefs and practices in the United States.

It's the first time such a study has been made in the United States. On almost every subject covered, the facts had never been recorded before.

For the last eight months partial results of the survey, made by an independent research firm, have been appearing in a religious digest, with some findings still to be reported.

Here is the first consolidated summary of the main points so far determined about the faith and worship of adult Americans:

Almost all of them—ninety-nine per cent—believe there is a God, although two per cent of these are not positive, but like to think God exists. Only one per cent flatly don't believe.

Among men, two per cent are atheists, but among women the number of non-believers doesn't amount to even half of 1 per cent. College graduates included four per cent atheists.

Most people—seventy-seven per cent—think the soul lives on after death. A slightly lesser majority—seventy-two per cent—believes

there is a Heaven where the good are eternally rewarded.

However, only fifty-eight per cent think there is a Hell where the bad are eternally punished. Just a few—twelve per cent—see any possibility whatever of their going to Hell.

The predominant conception of God—held by seventy-nine per cent of adults—is a "loving Father, who looks after us," while seventeen per cent consider God "some kind of supernatural power you can't describe." The other four per cent either are undecided or don't believe.

Only thirty-two per cent of the people polled go to church each Sunday. Counting them, a total of sixty-eight per cent go sometimes, most of them at least twice monthly, while thirty-two per cent never go.

Highest weekly attendance is in New England—forty-five per cent—and the lowest—twenty-two per cent—on the Pacific Coast, where fifty per cent of the people never go to church.

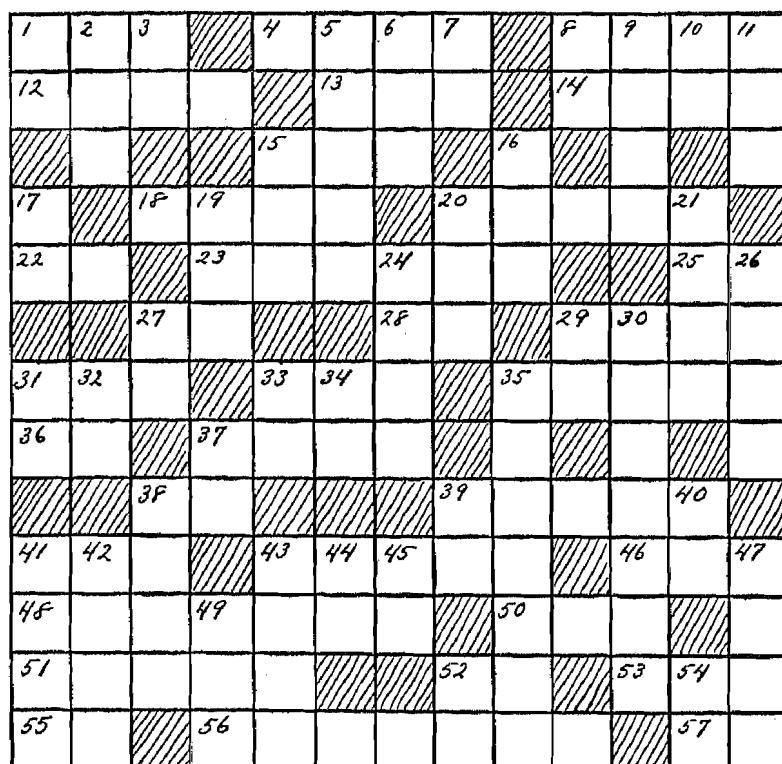
However, seventy-five per cent of all adults consider religion very important, twenty per cent say it's fairly important, and only five per cent say it's not very important.

Regard for religion isn't so high among college graduates—only sixty-seven per cent count it very important—or in big cities, sixty-eight per cent. In rural areas, eighty-four per cent rate it tops.

The Life of Christ in

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLES

"Seek and ye shall find"



No. 31

C. W.A.W. Co.

HORIZONTAL

1 "... others, Jeremias" Matt. 16:14
 4 "he hath founded it in the seas" Ps. 24:2
 8 "... shall not be unto thee Matt. 16:22
 12 "which built his house upon a . ." Matt. 7:24
 13 A city of Benjamin I Chron. 8:12
 14 Girl's name
 15 Kine (Scot.)
 17 and 18 "And . . . give unto thee the keys of the kingdom" Matt. 16:19
 20 "pull down my barns, and . . . greater" Luke 12:18
 22 "put . . . Father which is in heaven" Matt. 16:17
 23 "neglect to hear them, tell it unto thee . ." Matt. 18:17
 25 Regius Professor
 27 "But whom say . . . that I am" Matt. 16:15
 28 Hebrew deity
 29 At sea
 31 "... I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter" Matt. 16:18
 33 "Thou art . . . Christ" Matt. 16:16
 35 "the stranger that is in thy . ." Deut. 14:21
 36 "the son of the living God" Matt. 16:16
 37 "and not that thy whole body should be cast into . ." Matt. 5:29
 38 River in Italy
 39 "some, . ." Matt. 16:14
 41 Self (Scot.)
 43 "bind on earth . . . be bound in heaven" Matt. 16:19
 46 and 57 "flesh and blood hath . . . revealed unto thee" Matt. 16:17
 48 "Perceive ye how ye . . . nothing" John 12:19
 50 Suffix forming particle
 51 "and . . . I say, Rejoice" Phil. 4:4
 52 Whirlwind off the Faroe Islands
 53 Highest note in scale

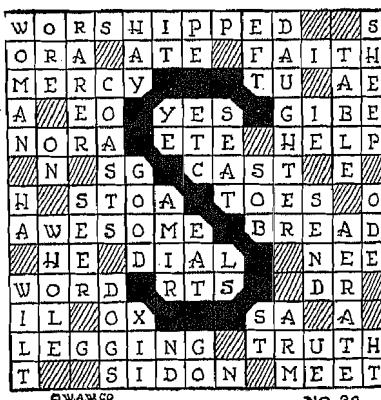
of Guido

55 Nova Scotia
 56 "not with me is . . . me" Matt. 12:30
 57 See 46 across
 A saying of Jesus is 1, 4, 8, 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 43, 46, 48, 56, and 57 combined

VERTICAL

1 Capital of Moab Num. 21:28
 2 "Do ye . . . believe" John 16:31
 3 District of Columbia
 5 French infantryman
 6 "... of the prophets" Matt. 16:14
 7 "and your joy . . . man taketh from you" John 16:22
 8 Thallium
 9 "he hath sent me to . . . the broken-hearted" Luke 4:18
 10 "shall be loosed . . . heaven" Matt. 16:19
 11 "Whom do men . . . that I, the Son of man, am" Matt. 16:13
 15 Knight of the Legion of Honour
 16 What did you say?
 17 I am (cont.)
 19 "He casteth forth his like morsels" Ps. 147:17
 20 Bachelor of Civil Law
 21 Tedious (Prov. Eng.)
 24 "They . . . to and fro" Ps. 107:27

Answers to
last week's
puzzle



NO. 30

Have You Remembered The Salvation Army in Your Will?

SINCE the year 1865 The Salvation Army has demonstrated its effectiveness in dealing with human problems, distress and maladjustments, through its varied and highly-organized network of character-building activities. The Salvation Army is legally competent to accept bequests.

Upon request, information or advice will be furnished by:

Commissioner Wm. R. Dalziel, Territorial Commander.
 588 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada.

FROM British Columbia South, Mrs. Brigadier R. Gage writes, "Kelowna now has the largest home league in the interior. We congratulate Major W. Fitch and Captain H. Askew on the advances made."

Trail has an attractive booklet, *Spotlight on Home League Events*, which the divisional secretary says is "one of the best we have seen in the division." New Westminster's attractive folder is also mentioned.

The Liverpool Outpost recently held a successful "family night."

Vernon has launched a membership campaign. Each member who brings a visitor receives a little corsage, as does the visitor.

At Nanaimo, on the day when the "trip to the lands of lace" was used from the *Quarterly*, there was a display of laces from Holland, New Zealand, Australia, Egypt, Malta and India, and one of the members gave an informative talk on the subject of lace.

In Northern British Columbia, Mrs. Envoy A. Mansell visited the Prince George Outpost of Willow River on the occasion of its fourth birthday, when three new members were enrolled, one being the wife of the school principal. The league has grown from eight members to thirty in this small village. Much credit is due the enterprising secretary, Mrs. B. Smith.

Two new members were enrolled at Prince George, reports Mrs. Major W. Poulton. At the Hallowe'en meeting, members "shelled out" for a missionary parcel to help with children's Christmas gifts in South America.

At Prince Rupert, an "amateur night" proved successful, when solos, readings and piano-forte solos, and hidden talent displays, Mrs. Sr.-Captain C. Frayn at a quiz proves interesting, the women "on Mrs. Wright, of the Pres-

HOME LEAGUE NOTES

BY THE TERRITORIAL HOME LEAGUE SECRETARY

LT.-COLONEL ANNIE FAIRHURST

byterian Church, gave a helpful message at the spiritual meeting.

At Orillia, in Northern Ontario, Mrs. Sr.-Major F. Moulton conducted a Thanksgiving service. In another meeting, overseas food parcels were prepared. A scheme to raise money for the Korean fund involves the collection of margarine box tops.

Mrs. Lt.-Colonel W. Effer, Mid-Ontario Division, mentions the losses sustained by the Belleville League recently in the death of Mrs. Less-

sels, who was a Salvationist for more than sixty years, and Mrs. Insley who, while not a Salvationist, was a faithful leaguer. Another who has gone Home after a lengthy illness is Granny McBride, of Kingston.

At Peterboro the "lace week" was an opportunity for a number to unearth lace treasures of great age.

An Oshawa member visits a blind woman weekly, and reads to her.

Sales of work proceed apace. A

fine display of handiwork, home-cooking, and many other things to attract were on hand at Brock Avenue, Toronto, recently. The lower hall was crowded for the opening. Mrs. Captain J. Carter welcomed the visitors, Mrs. E. Sharp soloed, and Mrs. Colonel R. Adby (R) prayed.

The Men "Lent A Hand"

At Riverdale, also, the writer took part in the opening. The men folk had lent a hand and the result was an array of prettily decorated booths, loaded down with a fine display of articles. Mrs. Major J. Patterson spoke in high praise of the members' co-operation, including Secretary V. Hatton who, in spite of poor health, gives unstintingly of herself to the league.

Second-Lieutenant A. Shadgett, of Windsor, N.S., has sent an interesting photo of leaguers arrayed in rather unusual hats. They were constructed or trimmed with articles that could be sold at the sale, including towels, face cloths, doilies, aprons, thread, etc. The Lieutenant says, "It was an evening of profit and fun."

North Toronto League recently held a shower in preparation for the sale and Secretary Mrs. Kennedy and her leaguers rejoiced in the generous response made.



CHIEF PARTICIPANTS in a home league Remembrance Day service at Gananoque, Ont. (Left to right): Mrs. I. Conley, Mrs. G. Dailey, Mrs. A. Leakey, Mrs. 1st-Lieut. D. McMillan (wife of the commanding officer) and Rev. W. Twiddy, of the Free Methodist church. Candles were lit in the miniature "Flanders Field" to honour the memory of servicemen who had given their lives, and the keeping of a "Book of Remembrance" was inaugurated, the names of men on active service being listed, who will be remembered by the league each week in prayer.

Australia seems to be so fascinating a country that people forget all about their homes and families when they go there. Out of a list of nineteen inquiries reported by the Army's Investigation Department, England, eight missing persons were located in Australia. Others were found in Germany, Canada and Texas. The requests had come from as far away as Los Angeles, Toronto, Saskatchewan, and the Isle of Man.

THE WAR CRY

Ready For Christmas

BY MRS. BRIGADIER R. GAGE



THE Christmas shopping has been done, toys for the children are tucked away in safe hiding places ready to surprise them on Christmas morning; gifts have been carefully selected and prettily wrapped in preparation for the festive day.

The house has been thoroughly cleaned and dusted so that every room is inviting with fresh curtains at the windows and shining floors. Decorations have been arranged to create the holiday spirit. The tree is standing in the place of honour, sparkling with its many-coloured ornaments scintillating from lights festooned among its branches.

The turkey is stuffed and ready for the oven; the cranberry sauce glows jewel-like in little jars on the shelf; the puddings are made and the Christmas cakes baked well in advance. The cookie jars are filled with all kinds of dainties.

As we survey the results of our labours we sit down in preparation for the festive occasion. But are we really ready for Christmas? All these tasks may be completed and yet we may not be actually ready. What about our hearts? Have we done anything to prepare our own spirits for this sacred holiday?

As we recall the message of the first Christmas when the angel choir sang of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men", can we claim that we are enjoying that peace? The world is not at peace; chaos, strife and enmity are widespread and there are many trouble spots on the earth where men distrust each other. This places on each of us the responsibility of doing our utmost to promote peace and to engender understanding of the needs of others.

To do this we must begin at home. We should each see that peace reigns there; that there is no bickering, arguments or strife. When there is peace at home the family is better fitted to meet the misfortunes of life.

Does peace prevail in our neighbourhood? It is always cause for regret and grief when neighbours cannot agree, when they quarrel with each other over the

back fence about trivial matters. Sometimes the children get into arguments and the parents take up the fight; a hurtful word-battle ensues, and bitter things are said which are often regretted afterwards.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds; You can't do that when you are flying words... Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead, But God Himself can't kill them when they're said."

Let us promote peace among our neighbours. We may not always see the reason for their viewpoint, but we can "agree to disagree", each cherishing her own opinion but appreciating that of her neighbour as well. This will help us to have a forgiving spirit, forgetting the wrongs that others may have done us.

Goodwill is closely linked with peace. We are familiar with goodwill service, as it means doing cheerfully for others what they cannot do for themselves. When a business man sells his store, he expects money not only for his stock in hand but also a certain amount added for "goodwill." The same applies when a doctor decides to dispose of his practice; the price is fixed not only upon the office and equipment but an amount is also assessed for "goodwill"—that intangible something which has been built up through the years, whereby the customers or patients have the utmost confidence in the one with whom they have to deal. We can all encourage that feeling of goodwill towards one another, engendering trust and confidence in each other.

To be truly ready for Christmas we must also make sure that we bring our gifts to Jesus, whose birthday we are commemorating. Just as the Wise Men brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child so we should bring our gifts to Him: the gold of our love, the frankincense of our worship and the myrrh of devoted service. When we have done all this and have accepted the Saviour as our own, then we are really ready for Christmas.



Once Again

ONCE again the bells ring out Their merry, merry chime, And full of magic is the air Because it's Christmas time.

Once again the story dear Of holy, heavenly Child, Fills hearts with joy and gladness here And peace and mercy mild.

Once again with joy we sing Glad carols to His name; Born to set sin's captives free, Today His power's the same.

Agnes Rudland, Queen Elizabeth Hospital

and the members of thy household.

7. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and shiver with cold unless thou art generous in their time of want.

8. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child; not until thou hast become in spirit even as a little child art thou ready to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

9. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. For verily most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready, and few seconds in preparing our souls.

Watchman-Examiner

Holiday Dainties

CHRISTMAS SALAD

Arrange slices of oranges and red apples, lettuce or endive, on salad plate. Garnish with walnut halves pressed together with cream cheese. Cut chilled cranberry sauce or jelly into half-inch slices. Using a cookie cutter cut out cranberry Christmas trees and use as garnish. Make large salads or small ones to serve on the side at the festive meal.

STUFFED DATES

On a tray with your cookies a few stuffed dates, the filling tinted green with vegetable colouring, gives a festive touch.

One and a half cups icing sugar, 1 tbsp. butter, 2 tbsp. orange juice or vanilla, 1 cup pitted dates.

Cream sugar—add butter—orange juice to moisten. Then fill dates.

OATMEAL DREAMS

Cream $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening and 1 cup white sugar—add 2 well beaten eggs and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla. Mix well.

Mix together 2 cups rolled oats—1 tsp. baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt and add to creamed mixture.

Drop on greased baking sheet three inches apart and bake at 375 degrees for ten minutes. Remove from pan immediately with egg lifter to prevent breaking.

DELICIOUS BARS

Beat 3 eggs—add 1 cup granulated sugar, 2 tsp. vanilla, 1 lb. chopped dates, 1 cup chopped walnuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ scant cups flour, 2 tsp. baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup red and green cherries. Mix well together and cook in shallow pan 7 to 11 inches, about 25 to 30 minutes at 375 degrees F. While warm cut into strips and roll in icing sugar. Place on rack to cool.



NO NEW WAY

"I WISH there were some new way to say 'Merry Christmas.'" Twice today I have overheard that remark. And each time I have said reverently to myself: "Thank God, there isn't."

The spirit of Christmas is as simple as the heart of a child. It needs no new slogan and no special sales effort. No advertising agent can lend new glamour to its ancient magic. It is as elemental as the sun and the wind and the rain, as the stars that glowed on Galilee on Holy Night.

No, there is no new way to say "Merry Christmas." The tree you will bedeck is the same as all the trees of its kind that have stood on all the hills since the world was young. The joy in a child's eyes on Christmas morning is the joy that has filled the eyes of children since Christmas became an institution. Back of the gifts and the gaiety is an immemorial spirit of good will to men.

Christmas is still Christmas. In a world awry with changes, let us give thanks for one precious permanency!

British Visitors In The West

COMMISSIONER AND MRS. W. DAVEY (R) LEAD MEETINGS

WINNIPEG Salvationists welcomed two veteran British officers—Commissioner and Mrs. W. Davey, at the St. James Corps on Saturday afternoon. At the Winnipeg Citadel Auditorium at night a fine crowd gave a soldiers' welcome to the visitors. A songster group, (Songster Leader J. Simonds) and a composite band led by 1st-Lieut. E. Brown, provided musical support.

Mrs. Davey related an incident when prayer changed a young and timid Salvationist maid into a brave warrior for Christ. The Commissioner gave glimpses of his world-wide tours. He told how the conversion of an African witch-doctor had been used to bring hundreds into the kingdom. In the prayer meeting three seekers sought a deeper work of grace.

On Sunday morning, the Ellice Avenue Corps was host to the visitors.

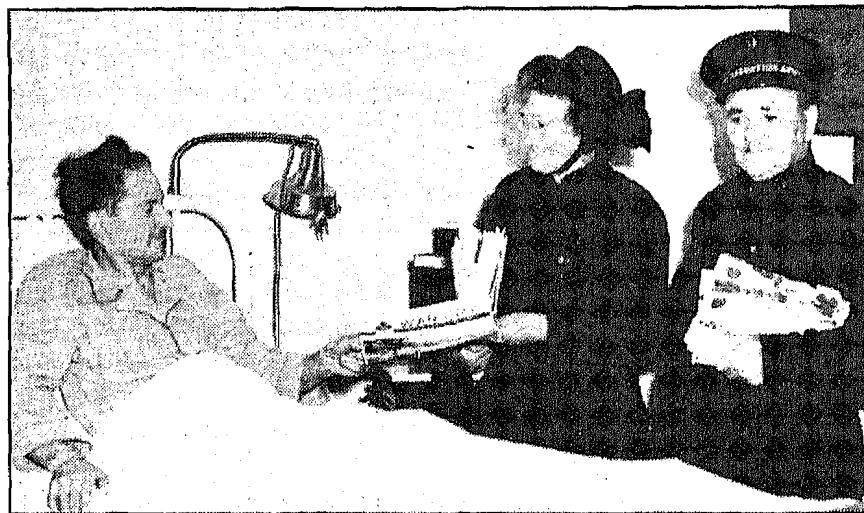
tors in the holiness meeting. A fleeting afternoon visit was paid to the Sunset Lodge.

Winnipeg Citadel was the scene of the salvation meeting. In the prayer meeting glorious victories were won, when eight seekers knelt at the Mercy-Seat.

SASKATCHEWAN EVENTS

The visit of Commissioner and Mrs. W. Davey (R) to Saskatchewan corps occasioned much interest. They held meetings at Regina and Moose Jaw.

The Commissioner thrilled his hearers with stories of Army work in many lands. In a women's rally at Regina, Mrs. Davey told of her opportunities while in the public relations work in Great Britain. The Commissioner also addressed the Wascana Kiwanis Club at their luncheon.



LEAGUE OF MERCY workers, Mrs. F. Dean (Wychwood, Toronto), and Brother J. Hinton (Fairbank), distributing the "white-winged messenger" in the Weston Sanatorium.

EDMONTON SITE DEDICATED

Salvationists gathered on the site chosen for the new men's social service centre in Edmonton, Alta., recently and watched a mighty power shovel break the first ground.

The Superintendent of the Hostel and Industrial Centre, Sr.-Major B. Jennings, expressed thanks to the advisory board and all citizens who had made this progress possible.

A hope that this vacant lot would become "holy ground", was voiced by the Divisional Commander, Major W. Ross. The Army's purpose in its social service, he stated, was to bring men and women into contact with Christ. The building to be erected would be dedicated to evangelical purposes through practical Christianity. On behalf of the territorial commander he dedicated the ground to the glory of God.

Traffic in the street hushed and passers-by with the workmen on the project stood with bared heads during the dedicatory prayer. Members of the Territorial Team of Evangelists also assisted with the service.

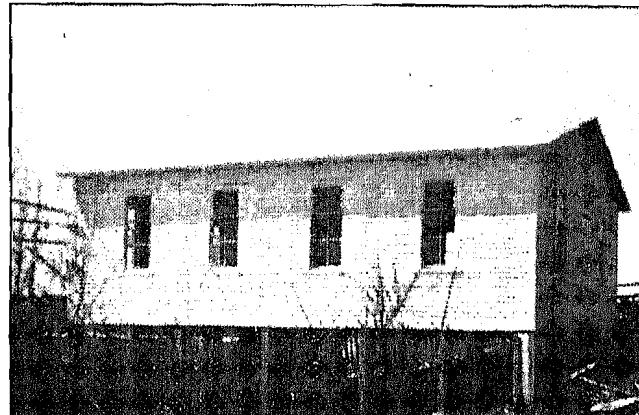
DEPARTMENTS FLOURISHING

Medicine Hat, Alta., Corps. (Major and Mrs. J. Wilder). In a recent salvation meeting the young people's sergeant-major called the junior soldiers' roll, and the young people filed to the platform to renew their promise to God and the Army. Two juniors were also enrolled, while Colour-Sergeant Muir held the flag. The commanding officer gave an inspiring message entitled, "Youth's Offering". Mrs. E. Burkett led the singing company in an appropriate song.

All departments of young people's endeavour are on the upgrade. A popular weekly programme of song, music, and pictures is held on Saturday nights.

LONDON JOURNAL'S TRIBUTE

To familiarize the public with the type of services supported by donations to the Community Chest, the London Evening Free Press ran a series of letters from readers, in



which questions were asked about the various organizations supported by the Chest and replies given which described the work done.

A query about the London Salvation Army Men's Hostel and Transients' Bureau raised the question as to whether it was sensible to give a man a meal and bed and then have him move on to "pester other folks". In the reply, such action was termed "first-aid treatment," and the editor went on to show that a real effort is made to get at the root of the man's trouble. A resume of the many services available to those in need was also given.

A comrade in the United States desires to exchange an American War Cry for the Canadian. Any interested person please write direct to Mr. Herman Meeker, 33 Rochester Street, Bradford, Pa.

INGATHERING OF "SUNSHINE BAGS"

PETERBOROUGH League of Mercy workers gathered in happy fellowship around the supper table recently when they were addressed by the Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, Mrs. Colonel G. Best, and the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel W. Effer. The occasion was the ingathering of little bags which had been distributed previously, to hold pennies put aside each time the sun shone, the contents to be used in the purchase of treats for shut-ins.

The evening public meeting was in the form of a programme, organized by Mrs. Lt.-Colonel H. Ritchie (R). The various items consisted of the playing of handbells by Mrs. S. Richardson, a xylophone quartette by sister comrades, trombone solo by Bandsman M. Stevens, organ solo by Songster Mrs. R. Routly, recitations by Betty Slaughter, and a vocal quartette. Mrs. Best presided.

Four new members were commissioned by the territorial secretary, when Mrs. Best referred to some of the activities carried on by leagues across the territory. Annual reports were given by L.O.M. Treasurer Mrs. R. Routly, which revealed that \$900 had been spent on the league's work, 7,333 persons visited in the hospitals, 689 persons prayed with, and some 5,100 publications distributed.

OFFICERS LEAVE WINDSOR

Comrades of Windsor Citadel, Ont. (Sr.-Major and Mrs. W. O'Donnell) said farewell on a recent Sunday to two soldiers of the corps moving to Toronto. One of these was Brigadier D. Barr, newly appointed Women's Social Service Secretary; the other was Brigadier A. Brett (R), who also left Windsor.

The selection, "Sweet Will of God" was sung by the songster brigade, and Songster Murray soloed. The message was given by Brigadier Barr. Owing to illness, Brigadier Brett was unable to be present, Mrs. M. Ballantyne representing her. Tributes to their faithful service in the corps were paid by Major G. Barker and others. Although retired, Brigadier Brett has had a gracious influence on many while acting as the chaplain of the Wind-

A PRACTICAL PRESENT

GIFT of Mrs. Major E. Miles, of Tulsa, Okla., who lived in the community before becoming a Salvation Army officer, is the hall shown here which is under construction at Bunyan's Cove, Nfld.

sor Grace Hospital. Brigadier Barr's term as superintendent has also been one of progress in many ways.

CO-OPERATION

Three children secured for the cradle roll was the contribution of the Prison Department to the Field recently, in the visitation of a family in need of help.

The husband was a drunkard and the Prison Department officers called on him to try to bring about some bettering of the home life of the family.

They are pleased to report improved conditions in the home and the securing of three new names for the cradle roll.

Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.—2 Chronicles 15:7.

Territorial Tendencies

Sr.-Captain and Mrs. H. Burden, Partington Ave. Corps, Windsor, Ont., have welcomed a daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to their home.

Second-Lieut. Wynona Rennick, Strathroy, Ont., has been bereaved of her mother, who passed away from Maitland, Ont.

Captain E. Cosby, Canadian missionary officer who is on her way back to Hong Kong, wishes to express gratitude for the many kindnesses shown her during her furlough in Canada.

Sr.-Major M. Littley, who recently left Canada to serve in Madras, India, mentioned in a recent letter the pleasure she and fellow-Canadians enjoyed when they were invited to meet the High Commissioner for Canada and the Canadian Minister of Fisheries during a visit to Madras.

Captain L. Hadsley, Canadian missionary officer who is returning on homeland furlough from Indonesia, has had her booking changed. She now plans to sail from Southampton on the Queen Mary, due to arrive in New York on December 22 or 23.

Two comrades in Switzerland are desirous of exchanging the Swiss War Cry for the Canadian. Those interested in such an exchange should write to Sr.-Major A. Vogt, Editor of *Der Kriegsruf*, Armée du Salut, Laupenstrasse 5, Bern, Switzerland, and state whether the *Kriegsruf* (German) or *Cri de Guerre* (French) edition is desired.

Flash

As THE WAR CRY goes to press word has come to hand that Dartmouth Corps, N.S. has increased its weekly WAR CRY order by 200, making a total of 575. This makes Dartmouth the top corps in the territory for WAR CRY sales, exceeding Halifax Citadel by twenty-five copies. Congratulations to Captain and Mrs. G. Clarke, corps officers.

IN THE CORAL ISLANDS

(Continued from page 8) Sunday afternoon meetings of earlier years. Sr.-Captains Parr and Rawlins not only again delighted listeners with musical numbers, but brought blessing as they testified. Mrs. Dalziel also witnessed and, later, sang, "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds."

During a lively period of singing, the congregation responded by heartily rendering choruses in true Bermudian style.

After selections by the congress chorus and the united bands the Commissioner gave an earnest, closing Bible message, urging his comrades to heed Paul's words on the "crucified life".

Officers' Councils

Commissioner and Mrs. Dalziel met the officers in council—few in number though they were. The leader brought spiritual counsel and encouragement to the small circle gathered and Mrs. Dalziel's presence and words brought a sense of Christian fellowship and blessing.

The Commissioner, accepting an invitation to speak to the Rotary Club on Tuesday, addressed a large and appreciative gathering on "High Incentives." Rotary members and radio listeners also enjoyed music rendered by the visiting Captains.

BAND AT PRISON FARM

The Ottawa Citadel Band (Bandmaster J. Morris) recently visited the Industrial Farm at Burritt's Rapids, Ont., where the prison department undertakes work among the inmates. The Corps Officers, Major and Mrs. E. Halsey, accompanied the band and took part, Mrs. Halsey playing the piano and the Major providing a cornet solo.

Bandmaster W. Dinsdale, M.P., also accompanied the band, playing an instrumental solo, and speaking to the men.

Other groups who assist during visits to this institution are comrades of the Gladstone Avenue Corps and the Commanding Officer, Captain C. Boorman, and Sr. Captain and Mrs. V. Greenwood with the Smith's Falls Band.

SONGSTERS' REUNION

In a recent weekend's activities at Earlscourt, Toronto (Brigadier and Mrs. J. Wells), a grand reunion was celebrated by the songsters. Some 200 former members were contacted; a large number of these were present, others sent messages.

The "Salute to the Years, 1916-1953," held on the Saturday night packed the hall. One of the highlights was a brigade made up of former songsters under the baton of Retired Bandmaster A. Boys (an erstwhile songster-leader). "Glorious is Thy Name," was the selection chosen. The two oldest songsters were presented with flowers. Both were over eighty. Some of these comrades had not met for over twenty years.

Sunday was a day of praise and prayer, the meetings being led by Major A. Brown, of Territorial Headquarters. At night, two seekers found salvation.

RELEASE DATE

It has been decided by the Southern U.S.A. Territorial Commander, Lt.-Commissioner W. Dray, that the public use of the new song book in that territory, will begin on Easter Sunday, 1954. By that time it is felt that sufficient supplies of both the new song book and new supplementary tune book will be available. The Easter Sunday events will be planned as festivals of new praise and song by musicians and congregations alike. At the same time, the old Army song book will be withdrawn from official and public use.

PERSPIRING CAROLLERS

Mrs. Sr.-Captain C. Stewart, writing from Tanganyika, East Africa, where she and her husband (both Canadian missionary officers) are stationed says that last Christmas they sang carols outside the dwellings of the Europeans, although few took any notice.

They plan to do so again this year. She contrasts the Canadian effort with singing, as they will, in ninety-eight per cent humidity and a temperature of eighty-five degrees!

WINNIPEG CITADEL BAND

The Winnipeg Citadel Band (Bandmaster F. Merrett) gave a full Remembrance Day programme at Selkirk where 1st-Lieut G. Holden had put in many hours organizing the activities for the day.

When the band arrived, it passed many groups of scholars being paraded to the Memorial Hall for the junior remembrance service. It was an inspiration to the bandsmen to see 700 eager young faces, and to hear their voices sing "O God, our help in ages past". Following this service, at which Brigadier A. McInnes was speaker, there was a senior service, when an equally large number of adults attended. Various ministers of the town participated, and the band supplied the music.

Later, the band paraded veterans and service groups to the cenotaph, where representative bodies placed wreaths, and a brief ceremony was held.

The band was divided into two groups to facilitate coverage of the hospitals during the afternoon. The Memorial Hall was well filled again at night, when the band with Major and Mrs. C. Everitt as guest soloists gave a programme billed as "Music with a Message," presided over by Brigadier G. Hartas. Mayor Harry Oliver, in bringing the greetings of town and council eulogized the Army, and assured the band that its efforts during the day had been an inestimable uplift to his community.

Many words of commendation were passed during the day to the bandmaster and the bandsmen.

Christmas PLAYING

(A second article on a timely topic)



These Growing Districts

Carollers Should Take Time To Leave A Blessing

IT has been a hectic time for everyone—players, carollers, and collectors. By now you have found out that the district you had last year has burst wide open at the seams and extends in all directions.

Last year I took a local officer for a drive before the serenading began, and showed him block after block of new apartments where the year before there had been open fields. And that was only in one direction. The same thing was true on every side of the district. It is true for many cities, towns and villages in the Dominion; Canada is growing at an unprecedented rate!

Now it has begun to tell upon your serenading schedule. What is to become of it? There will have to be one terrific push to put the

thing across. The danger is that this push may become a rush.

To rush the serenading anywhere is bad. Take time to leave the blessing as well as to get the money; that is the golden rule. Especially in the new districts undue haste will prove fatal to your efforts. It will mean less money this year and less next year as well.

However, the money must not be the primary motive, necessary as it is to the functioning of a band and corps. The chief purpose must be the telling of the Christmas message, told in the Army's distinctive way.

It is in these new districts that the way in which the message is told will make all the difference. You will find many people who have never heard of The Salvation Army, strange as it may seem to you. You will even find those who have not heard of the true message of Christmas. They will answer you, if they do at all, in strange tongues and with puzzled looks at a collecting box held out to them. It means nothing to them.

Why? Because the Iron Curtain keeps out all the sights and sounds with which we are so familiar, and because its shadow deadens the perceptions of many on this side of it, if near it. This time last year, while you were hurrying down the same streets where were they? In the cellars of bombed buildings, seeking food in a black market, living within sight of the concentration camp where their loved ones had perished. That is how many of them lived a year ago. While we have gone our "appointed rounds" they have been pouring into our country in an ever-rising flood—hundreds of thousands of them.

What do they know of The Salvation Army? Nothing. What will they know of it when you and the carollers have gone on? That is a good question. But what will they know of Christmas and of Christ? That is the important question.

Do not be misled by apparent prosperity and a luxurious apartment. Some of this can be very new indeed. Behind it all there may be searing memories, and no knowledge of the love of God. Take time—just a little—to let them see the real reason for your visit—the true significance of Christmas. Take just long enough to leave the blessing of God among them and you will find an added blessing will be yours as well—H.M.

Territorial Songster Festival

at the

Massey Hall, Toronto

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1954

Commissioner Wm. R. Dalziel will preside

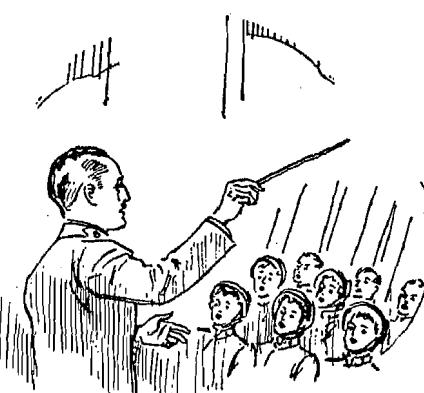
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Sr.-Major Alex. Parkinson: Eventide Home, Galt (Superintendent)
Major Gladys Barker, Grace Hospital, Windsor (Superintendent)
Major Edward Broom: Eventide Home, Guelph (Superintendent)
Major Mabel Crotty, Grace Hospital, Windsor (Assistant Superintendent and Director of Nursing Services)
Captain Gladys McGregor, Grace Hospital, Winnipeg (Director of Nursing Services)
Probationary-Lieutenant Margaret Morrison: Saskatchewan Divisional Headquarters (pro tem)

[Signature]
COMMISSIONER

COMING EVENTS

Commissioner Wm. R. Dalziel

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Masonic Temple: Sat Dec 19 (Poor Men's Dinner)
Toronto Eventide Home: Mon Dec 21
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Lt.-Colonel R. Raymer (R): Galt: Sun Dec 13; Fairbank: Sun Dec 20

Lt.-Colonel C. Wiseman: Training College: Sun Dec 13

Brigadier R. Watt: Greenwood: Sun Dec 13

Major W. Ross: South Edmonton: Fri-Sun Dec 11-13; Lethbridge: Tue Dec 15; Edmonton Citadel: Sat-Sun Dec 18-20; Fort Saskatchewan: Sun Dec 27; Calgary: Mon Dec 28; Edmonton: Wed Dec 30

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OURTEEN

FIFTY THOUSAND MARK REACHED

THE editorial phone rang insistently, and the voice was that of the assistant printing secretary. "You'll be glad to know that—for the first time in many years—the circulation of The War Cry has reached the 50,000 mark!" And in the way that is becoming increasingly popular—whereby the bandmaster waves towards his men when the applause breaks out in an Army programme instead of taking the bouquets to himself—we bow towards our faithful boomers right across the country.

Too little praise is given to these comrades who, week after week, visit saloons or offices, or the homes of the people and distribute The War Cry, under all kinds of weather conditions. We have asked two or three times for a photograph of these heralds, but we have had

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no response up to now. However, we confidently expect that snaps of these heroes and heroines will soon begin to pour in—of these comrades who see that The War Cry gets into the hands of those who need it most.

We give full credit to the officers who, having examined the situation, came to the conclusion that they can handle more War Crys each week. These officers have immediately written to us—through their divisional office—and have asked us to send them additional copies weekly. We are confidently expecting more increases when some of the corps begin to realize what a great disparity there is between the number of homes represented by the soldiers' and adherents' roll and the number of War Crys distributed among them. In some cases, as we said before, it is only one in three, or even less, and anyone will admit that this is a deplorable situation. How can Salvationists possibly be interested in their own territory unless they read about it in The War Cry?

This one thing we have observed—that wherever anyone gets The War Cry regularly, he becomes a War Cry enthusiast! He hates to miss a single copy and will do almost anything to get his hands on a copy. Some have even gone as far as to write the publisher direct, asking him to send a weekly copy by mail, and paying him a year's subscription—\$5.00. Of course, this is only a last resort, as your corps officer will be glad to supply you weekly, either at the hall, or by calling at your home.

Not all of the corps are guilty in this respect. Two questionnaires came to hand this morning—one from East Windsor, Ont., and the other from Stellarton, in Nova Scotia. Both reported a one hundred per cent situation as far as soldiers and adherents were concerned. That is—the number of War Crys distributed in the homes was exactly the same as the number of homes represented by adherents and soldiers. Oh, if this were only the case in every corps throughout the territory! And why should it not be? "A War Cry in every home" is going to be our slogan to the end. Even if we cannot anticipate such a magnificent increase as that American religious journal we mentioned a week or two ago where the circulation increased ten times, we are sure we can have a very substantial increase.

Since commencing this War Cry campaign, anything written in any other periodical about circulation campaigns catches our eye immediately. In one of the American editions of The War Cry we saw something about "Mother Goldthwaite", who appeared to have been a War Cry enthusiast all her life. At one time she lived at a port where many ships left for the Philippine Islands. Boarding the ship she distributed War Crys and Gospels to the men, along with her kind words and cheer. No doubt many of our comrades at Canada's seaports have already caught on to this idea, and got permission to go aboard the vessels with The War Cry. We have no doubt such action would meet with a ready response from the crews of these ships, as they are always anxious to have something to read on the voyage.

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By the way, how many of our readers notice the British War Cry notes on this subject? Over there, where they have a retired Brigadier who does nothing but boast the circulation of The War Cry, the list shows that many corps sell over 1,500 War Crys a week! Of course, Canada could not possibly come up to this, nor could we hope to attain to the figures shown in the Atlanta War Cry—the Southern Territory of the United States—where no fewer than thirteen corps sell over 1,000 War Crys in a week. Canada must be content to take a lower place in this respect, at least for some time to come.

Look at this! Evidently the leaders in the territory just mentioned feel as strongly as we do about Salvationists not getting The War Cry. This note appeared in the latest issue to reach our office—and was among the chief secretary's notes:

At a recent important Army conference it was suggested that there may be Salvationists in the South who do not read The War Cry because they are not able to secure copies. If such a statement has any truth at all, could we not suggest that soldiers thus handicapped arrange to go to meeting and refuse to go home again until supplied with an opportunity for buying The War Cry? We're all for the obedience to our officers which we promised when signing the Articles of War, but there comes a place where soldiers should stand up for their rights—or sit down for them, good and hard and long, if needs be.

Maybe a "sit-down" strike would produce results!

ACTIVE SOCIAL OFFICERS

The officers of the men's social service department do more than hand out clothes and meal tickets. Major H. Johnson, of St. Catharines, Ont., has included the following activities in his recent schedule of events: addressing 1,000 school children, visiting a girls' detention school with the Juvenile Court authorities, conducting the Remembrance Day service at the invitation of the Canadian Legion, becoming an accredited member of the Civil Defence organization for the area.

We Are Looking For You

The Salvation Army will search for missing persons in any part of the globe, befriend and, so far as is possible, assist anyone in difficulty.

Two dollars should, where possible, be sent with inquiry to help defray expenses.

Address all communications to the Men's Social Service Secretary, 538 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5, marking "Enquiry" on the envelope.

ELSNER, Eric. Born in Katowice, Poland. Supposed to have come to Canada after the second world war. Is trying to locate her brother. 11-292

GUSTAVSON, Axel Efraim. Born at Nedre, Ullerud, Sweden, in December, 1884. Was at one time employed by a lumber firm at Salmo, B.C. Nephew is anxious to locate Uncle in regard to an inheritance. 11-307

JENSEN, Mrs. Serkka Helja Tellervo (ne Rosenstrom). Born at Helsingfors, Finland, in July, 1917. Believed to be living with her husband George and family in Vancouver District. Mother is ill and anxious to hear from daughter. 10-649

LEVALA, Pekka Vainame. Born in Helsingfors, Finland, February, 1931. Came to Canada in 1951, and was in Toronto earlier this year. Mother in Finland very anxious to hear from her son. 11-255

MAENPAA, Suio Valmo. Born at Rautio, Finland, in 1891. Came to Canada in 1931. Last known address Port Arthur, Ontario. Wife is anxious to get news of husband. 11-304

MOBERG, Tom Herman Alexander. Born at Helsinki, Finland, in 1928. Came to Canada in 1952 and went to Edmonton. Wife is anxious to hear from husband. 11-322

MOILANEN, Yrjo Aleksanteri. Born at Oulu, Finland, in May, 1901. Came to Canada in 1929. Last heard from six years ago, from Puttisville, South Porcupine, Ontario. Daughter anxious to hear from father. 11-331

Tidings from the Territory

BUSY SARNIA WEEKEND

● Sarnia, Ont., (Sr.-Major M. Charlong, Major F. Morgan). The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel F. Merrett, recently visited the corps for the first time. On another occasion the Divisional Young People's Secretary and Mrs. Major D. Sharp conducted a Sunday's meetings, corps cadet certificates being presented. On the Saturday night a musical programme was given, the brownies, singing company, and the timbrel band taking part.

OFFICERS FAREWELL

● Comrades of Niagara Falls, Ont., Corps recently said farewell to their officers, Sr.-Major and Mrs. C. Pretty. During the evening meeting, the Major's son was enrolled as a senior soldier and, at the close, there were seven seekers.

Captain and Mrs. L. Jannison have been welcomed as the new corps officers, the Captain having just recovered from a long and serious illness following an accident earlier in the year.

On Saturday night a musical party from St. Catharines gave a programme in aid of the company meeting. The Divisional Young People's Secretary, Sr.-Major L. Evenden, was chairman.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS' TEA

● Barrie, Ont., (Sr.-Major and Mrs. J. Mills). The Assistant Field Secretary, Brigadier F. MacGillivray, conducted recent weekend meetings. The junior soldiers' tea on Saturday night was a happy event. Afterwards, the junior soldiers signed their renewal cards, which were then presented to them in an impressive renewal service on Sunday afternoon, when ten renewed their pledge. The holiness and salvation meetings were well attended.

CITY-WIDE RALLY

● Expectation was high when sixty junior soldiers gathered at Saint John, N.B., North End Citadel recently, to attend a city-wide junior soldiers' rally.

The Divisional Youth Officer, 2nd-Lieutenant N. Coles, reminded the junior soldiers of the significance of the Day of Renewal and urged them to sincerely renew their pledge and purpose to be true to God.

Mrs. Brigadier C. Knaap led the responsive scripture reading, and the junior soldiers themselves took part in the rally which included vocal, instrumental and timbrel items.

In the final message, the Divisional Commander, Brigadier C. Knaap, spoke of the qualities which soldiership demanded, and based his concluding appeal on the story of the call of Samuel.

TEN SEEKERS

● Comrades of New Westminster, B.C., Corps (Major and Mrs. I. Halley) are grateful for evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit in the corps, as indicated in a recent half-night of prayer.

A Sunday morning gathering was led by Sr.-Major J. Habkirk. The same evening a duet by Songsters Mrs. L. Delamont and Mrs. B. Innes brought blessing and, following the message, ten seekers knelt at the Mercy-Seat. Prayer had been offered on behalf of some of these for a long time.

The band led the meeting at the Liverpool Outpost recently and two souls were saved. Four junior soldiers were enrolled in the company meeting, and many young people renewed their covenant. Seven senior soldiers were enrolled in a Sunday night rally, each witnessing to the blessing of God. Wednesday fellowship meetings are proving of spiritual power.

Newfoundland News

The largest audiences in many years are seen this season in the holiness meetings held in the St. John's, Nfld., Temple under the leadership of the Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel C. Wiseman. The presence of the cadets of the "Shepherd's" Session adds greatly to the effectiveness of the meetings. The last half-hour of each meeting is tape-recorded for the "Gospel Hour" broadcasts which are given over station CJON every Saturday from 10.00 to 10.30 p.m.

On a recent Friday night, a set of velour curtains were presented to the Temple corps by the Chairman of the Advisory Board, Mr. C. Pippy. The Commanding Officer, Sr.-Major E. Hutchinson, offered a dedicatory prayer. Music for the united holiness meetings is provided by the St. John's Citadel and Temple Bands and Songster Brigades.

● Baie Verte (Captain G. Douglas, Pro.-Lieut. F. Bursey) — The first anniversary of the Baie Verte Corps was celebrated recently. The Sunday meetings were well-attended, and were led by Brigadier and Mrs. W. Cornick, who have conducted a revival campaign. The Brigadier gave an address in the afternoon citizens' rally. Mr. John Anstey was chairman for this occasion and Brother A. Pike, the welfare officer, gave the vote of thanks. In the night meeting eight new senior soldiers were enrolled under the colours and the weekend concluded with thirty-one at the Cross. On Monday the anniversary banquet was held. The treasurer, Brother A. Mills, who is the oldest soldier of the corps, and the youngest soldier, Shirley Rideout, cut the anniversary cake.

Officers of the Grand Falls District united recently for an intensive soul-saving campaign. The following corps took part: Windsor, Bishop's Falls, Botwood, Point Leamington, Peter's Arm and Grand Falls. The Campaign concluded with a great youth rally in the Grand Falls. The campaign concluded with singing company members from various corps were featured. Major D. Goulding, of Buchans, gave the message, and a young man was saved. Thirty-five converts were registered during the campaign.

● Grand Falls (Captain and Mrs. A. Pike) — Recent meetings were led by Sr.-Captain A. Russell of Peter's Arm, who gave inspiring messages from God's Word. The holiness meeting was broadcast over the local radio station. At night the Harvest Festival altar service was held. In the well-fought prayer meeting two people found Salvation.

In The Land of Fadeless Day

RECRUITING SERGEANT

G. CREWS

Halifax North End, N.S.

The promotion to Glory of Recruiting Sergeant George Crews, a soldier who gave unstinting service to his Lord, took place after a short illness. Effective in open-air work and fervent in prayer his presence will be greatly missed.

The funeral service was conducted by the Commanding Officer, Sr.-Major W. Stanley, assisted by divisional and other officers. Tribute was paid by Sr.-Major A. Moulton, while Brigadier C. Warrander read from the scriptures. Mrs. Sr.-Major Stanley read messages. Major H. Legge also took part. Music included singing by the corps band and a duet by Sr.-Major and Mrs. D. Ford.

The band, of which the departed comrade was sergeant, also took part at the grave, where the committal ceremony was conducted by the divisional commander.

The corps officers led the memorial service the following Sunday. A message was read from a daughter, Cadet M. Crews, of the Training College, Toronto. It had been her father's request that she not interrupt her training to come home after his death. Corps Secretary Church paid tribute and 2nd-Lieut. M. Smith and Sister J. Farnell sang a duet. Seven seekers knelt at the penitent-form before the close of the meeting.

SISTER MRS. A. SILLS

Trenton, Ont.

The promotion to Glory of Sister Mrs. Adrian Sills, from the Brampton Hospital, came as a tragic loss to her family and all who knew her. She was thirty-six years of age and is survived by her husband and two small children.

A native of Trenton, she had been an active soldier of the corps and still maintained the tie although living in recent months at Port Credit, Ont. She was a faithful worker in the home league.

The funeral service was conducted by her Corps Officers, 1st-Lieut. and Mrs. G. Rickard. Mrs. Rickard sang a favourite solo of the departed comrade.

SISTER MRS. NUTT

St. Mary's, Ont.

The corps has suffered the loss of one of its oldest soldiers in the person of Sister Mrs. Millie Nutt. This comrade for over forty years gave faithful service as a soldier of Jesus Christ and the Army. Her interest in the corps and with whatever had to do with the Kingdom never wavered. Though suffering much pain right up to the last she testified that all was well.

The funeral service was conducted by the Commanding Officer, Captain A. Morrow, who paid tribute to the departed comrade's patience, her consecration, and her love for

her Lord. Pro.-Lieut. R. Green sang one of Mrs. Nutt's favourites. Rev. S. Elliott, of the Baptist Tabernacle, also took part.

SISTER MRS.

S. YETMAN

Winnipeg, Man.

A report of this comrade's promotion to Glory was published in a recent issue.

Whitbourne — In the absence of a corps officer the comrades are carrying on the fight in both senior and young people's corps. On a recent Sunday the Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel C. Wiseman conducted the meetings. In the holiness meeting Mrs. Wiseman gave a helpful message. In the afternoon the citadel was crowded for a citizens' rally when the Colonel gave an address. This event was presided over by Mr. A. Kellaway, who was presented to the congregation by Brother George Wicks. At night in the salvation meeting there was great conviction, and four knelt at the Mercy-Seat.

NOON PRAYER MEETING

● Edmonton, Alta., Citadel (Sr.-Captain and Mrs. A. Pitcher). The songsters met recently to honour their retiring leader, F. McCready, who has given twenty-five years' service in this work. The songster leader spoke of the joy he had found in the service.

The young people of the three Edmonton corps inaugurated weekly prayer-meetings prior to the arrival of the territorial team of evangelists. These are held in the citadel during the noon hour, their effect being felt in each corps.

On Remembrance Sunday, a special service was held. Sgt. J. Linklater, R.C.A.F., played the "Last Post," following the reading of the names of those who gave their lives during the Second World War. A period of silence was succeeded by the playing of "Reveille". At night there was one seeker.

ENROLMENT SERVICES

● During the junior soldiers' Day of Renewal at Windsor Citadel (Sr.-Major and Mrs. W. O'Donnell), a junior soldier was enrolled and, in the morning meeting, the young people's band and singing company members marched to the platform and repeated their pledge. Five children were dedicated — three children of Bandsmen and Mrs. W. Williams, the child of Bandsman and Mrs. C. Freeman and the child of Brother and Sister Brant.

In the salvation meeting, ten new soldiers were enrolled by the commanding officer. Treasurer W. Davis prayed, and Corps Secretary Freeman presented them with illuminated copies of the Articles of War. Eight seekers found the Lord.

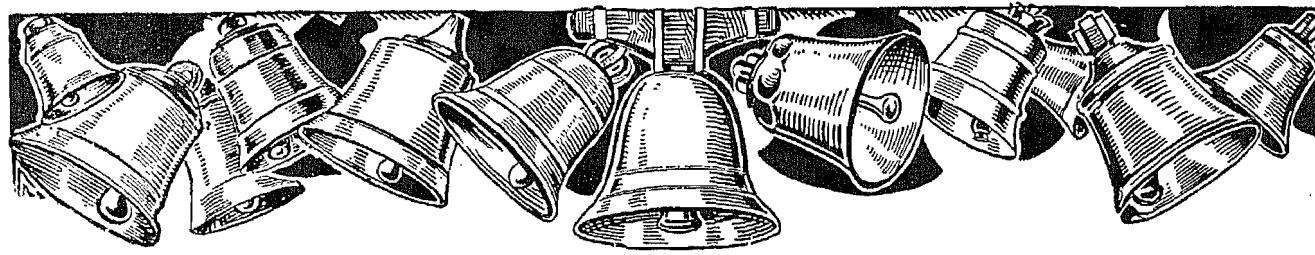
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● New Aberdeen, N.S., Corps (Sr.-Major and Mrs. A. Rideout). On Junior Soldiers' Renewal Sunday Brigadier and Mrs. E. Falle (R) led the meetings. In the holiness gathering the Brigadier spoke on "walking with God."

Mrs. Falle opened the salvation meeting. Eight juniors were enrolled, and all junior soldiers took their places on the platform to engage in a solemn renewal covenant. The young people's sergeant-major presented each with the pledge, beautifully framed.

ATTENTION

Corps officers and correspondents are urged to send reports of Christmas and New Year's activities to the Editor of The War Cry PROMPTLY. All reports of these events must be postmarked not later than TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1954, in order to be sure of insertion.



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